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## OVERVIEW

This four volume document constitutes the final report of the development of a multidisciplinary Earth Resources Technology Satellite (ERTS) user program in the State of Ohio. The three original objectives of this program were to: Perform research into new applications of satellite imagery for everyday state planning and resource management functions; attempt to merge processed LANDSAT imagery with socio-economic data; and develop a statewide land inventory using LANDSAT data. The original sequence of activities was reversed during the course of the program so that the land inventory occurred first, the socio-economic/LANDSAT merger second, and the investigation of new applications third.

## PROGRAM EVALUATION

In terms of program objectives, the three phases mentioned above have been completed. (1) The State of Ohio has developed a current, uniform land inventory derived, in part, from LANDSAT data. In addition, the State has the ability to convert processed land information from LANDSAT to OCAP data files. OCAP is an acronym for the Ohio Capability Analysis Program developed by the Ohio State University and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. OCAP is a computer information and mapping system comprised of various programs used to digitally store, analyze, and display land capability information. OCAP can provide tailored land information to users economically. (2) The State has acquired considerable experience in its attempts to merge LANDSAT data with socio-economic information. Indications

are that more accurate processing of LANDSAT data could lead to reasonably accurate, useful land allocation models. (3) Efforts to investigate new applications of satellite imagery have been moderately successful, suggesting that it is feasible to use LANDSAT information for such varied purposes as mineral exploration, pollution analysis, land use mapping and resource inventory. Summaries of individual program phases follow.

## VOLUME 3: DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE LAND USE INVENTORY

This volume describes the procedure used by the State and Bendix Aerospace Systems Division to generate a land use inventory using LANDSAT. Basically, the procedure involves data collection and processing, categorization and location of data, conversion of LANDSAT tapes to OCAP format, and verification of imagery categories. Data collection involved acquisition of good quality LANDSAT imagery as well as training materials for image interpretation such as aerial photos, maps and localized ground information. Data were processed to produce interpreted land use information on computer compatible tapes (CCT's). Ground information was located and interpreted for comparison to the CCT's. Information was thus "categorized" to develop a uniform set of land categories for further interpretation. The process of converting LANDSAT data to OCAP format involved the location of pertinent boundaries by OCAP digital format, the conversion of LANDSAT categories to land use files (again, in OCAP format), and the creation of LANDSAT/OCAP county files. Files were analyzed statistically, in terms of acreages and percentages of land use classes by political jurisdiction. Two studies were used to verify the land cover files. In the first of these, files were verified across the State using a sample of 94 selected areas. Results showed that the

land use files were 80% accurate overall. The second study was much more localized and intensive. Accuracy levels of this intensive study were significantly lower than those of the statewide study. This disparity suggests the need for further study by the State to improve the accuracy of land use information, both in terms of information processing and categorization.

## VOLUME 3: THE OHIO LAND ALLOCATION MODEL

The purpose of this project was to develop a set of land use models relating socio-economic characteristics to changes in land use as measured by interpretation of LANDSAT data. The State contracted with two consultants for this phase of the program, and the consultants initiated a number of activities. These included reviews of: land use models developed for other areas, data available for the current modeling effort, and potential uses of LANDSAT imagery in land use studies. Cross sectional statistical models were developed for residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural uses. Each of these models utilized assessed value of land and number of parcels with respect to population and employment levels. The agricultural models were revised to incorporate data related to agricultural production. Results indicate that the LANDSAT data for Ohio are not of high enough accuracy to be used in a modeling framework. However, one category of LANDSAT data (Urban Residential) does form a significant relationship with socio-economic data. This indicates that a more accurate LANDSAT data base could lead to simulation models similar to those developed in this phase.

## VOLUME 4: DEVELOPMENT OF NEW APPLICATIONS

The State contracted with Battelle Columbus Labs to develop new ap-

plication possibilities and to promote user awareness of LANDSAT data for economic, resource, and community development interests in Ohio. Four projects--Linear Analysis, Lake Erie Sedimentation, Urban Land Use and Woodlands Analysis--were undertaken using LANDSAT imagery, LANDSAT CCT tapes, SKYLAB imagery, high and low level aircraft imagery and ground information. These four projects were selected on the basis of previous investigation of LANDSAT flexibility, degrees of operational feasibility, and usefulness to the State. Summaries of the four projects follow.

LINEAR ANALYSIS is a method of identifying linear and curvilinear topographic features which may have significance for mineral exploration activities. The procedure involves interpretation of LANDSAT imagery and aerial photography. Results of the analyses indicated that it is feasible to map linear and curvilinear features in Ohio utilizing various interpretation techniques on LANDSAT imagery. Features identified by linear analysis should be studied to determine mineral potential.

The LAKE ERIE SEDIMENTATION ANALYSIS project set out to demonstrate that repetitive, multispectral LANDSAT data could identify, measure and model changes in sediment loadings in Lake Erie. The project was hampered by the lack of sediment measurements consistent with LANDSAT overpasses. Consequently, LANDSAT imagery could not be verified by ground measurements, and no conclusive results were obtained.

The URBAN LAND USE project involved a comparison of high altitude aerial data with LANDSAT data for Columbus and Franklin County, Ohio. The purpose of this comparison was to assess the use of LANDSAT data for inventory and mapping of land uses. The results suggest that LANDSAT data can be used effectively in non-urban areas or for selected planning interests, such as monitoring growth trends, in urban areas.

The WOODLAND ANALYSIS was designed to determine if high level aerial color infrared imagery could be used in conjunction with LANDSAT imagery to provide detailed information concerning type and condition of timber stands in Ohio. Emphasis was placed on identification of woodland boundaries, stand composition, stand maturity, cut and reseeded areas and tree stress. The results suggest that it is feasible to inventory forestlands in the State utilizing LANDSAT data in concert with extensive aircraft and ground truth data.

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# INTRODUCTION

This volume reports the contract efforts to develop an operational land use inventory. The most recent statewide, comprehensive inventory of Ohio's land uses was prepared in 1965. This first statewide land use inventory was developed from the United States Geological Survey 7-1/2 minute quad sheets prepared for Ohio Between 1958 and 1964. This 15 year old inventory is, in fact, a generalized summary of Ohio land uses as they existed in 1960.

The entire inventory project took nearly two (2) years to reach completion. The twelve (12) land use categories were displayed for the entire state on a map sheet at a scale of approximately 1:500,000. Since data had been inventoried on the basis of county boundaries, nine (9) regional maps, displaying the twelve (12) categories for groups of counties, were prepared at a scale of 1:250,000. In addition, a report entitled "Use of Land in Ohio", which analyzed the data and disaggregated the twelve categories into the original 25, was published as an extension of the maps.
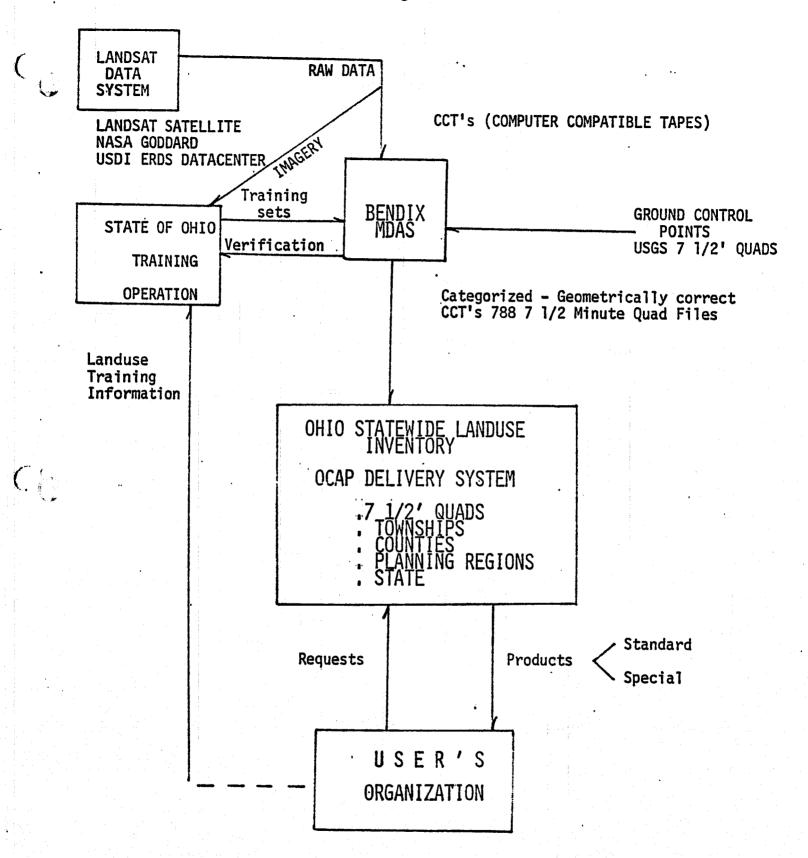
The generalized 1960 Ohio Land Use Inventory represented a major state undertaking using one of the first HUD 701 planning grants provided to the state. The motivation for this project came from a general desire to acquire an overall picture of land use in the state. In effect, the project was research oriented with the small scale maps representing the primary objective and product.

The expanding scope of State planning as reflected in a wide variety
of new planning programs, has generated the need for an accurate, up-to-date
comprehensive Ohio land use inventory.  The scope of State planning in Ohio
is briefly illustrated by the following examples:

* The Coastal Zone Management Act which requires coastal
  states (including the Great Lakes) to prepare detailed
  management strategies for shoreland areas.
* The expanded land use requirements of the HUD 701 pro-
  gram which now mandate the preparation of statewide land
  use programs.
* The 208 Water Quality planning process, which requires
  significant amounts of land use data as input into the
  determination of quality and quantity of storm water run-
  off and nutrient flow into water ways.
* The technical planning assistance role of state govern-
  ment in Ohio has focused upon the dissemination of basic
  planning data such as a land use inventory.
* The reclamation of strip mined lands is mandated by
  Ohio 1972 Strip Mine Legislation.  The development of an
  overall strategy for reclamation of some 346,000 acres
  requires the availability of detailed land use data.
  This program will be carried out using a portion of
  the excise tax on the severance of Ohio minerals.
* The development of statewide land use and growth poli-
  cies require a land use inventory as a framework for

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decision making.  Pending legislation in Ohio would

focus considerable attention on the revamping of Ohio's

land use planning law.

* Public concern over the preservation of agricultural

land, the haphazard expansion of urban areas and the mis-

use of Ohio's land resources, have begun to generate

increasing pressure for meaningful land use plans which

accurately protray present and future patterns of use.

Due to the real need of the State to prepare land use inventories, and

the potential seen in the application of LANDSAT data, a protion of this

contract was used to develop the procedure and system for generating and

delivering land use information to users in the State of Ohio.  Figure

1 provides a diagram of the overall view of the program.

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**Figure 1.**



OVERALL VIEW STATEWIDE LANDUSE

INVENTORY PROGRAM

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## DATA COLLECTION AND TRAINING INFORMATION

### Data Collection and Cataloging

The initial phase of study design implementation is the collection of
appropriate data.  The primary data in this case was spectral image
data from LANDSAT.  Reports of LANDSAT image quality that had exceeded
predetermined quality criteria were received weekly by the state from the
EROS Data Center.  Those images that did surpass criteria were automatically
assessed and usually were received by the state in three to four weeks.
When the images were received, they were viewed to determine if they
were completely cloud and haze free.

In order to facilitate the storage and review of LANDSAT image data,
a very simple system of image identification, documenation and filing
was initiated.  Within each satellite cycle, the pass covering the
eastern edge of the Ohio occurred on day one of the cycle.  The next pass
west occurs on day two and so forth until the west edge of the state was
covered in the fourth pass on the fourth day.  Each pass provided three
to four overlapping scenes covering the state from north to south.

Because of the stability of this pattern, it was easy to establish a
track (pass) and scene (north south sequence of scenes) numbering system
that immediately identifies the data.  Figure 2 shows the identifying system.

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TRACK 4　　　TRACK 3　　　TRACK 2　　　TRACK 1

SCENE 1

SCENE 2

figure 2

SCENE 3

LANDSAT　IMAGE
IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM
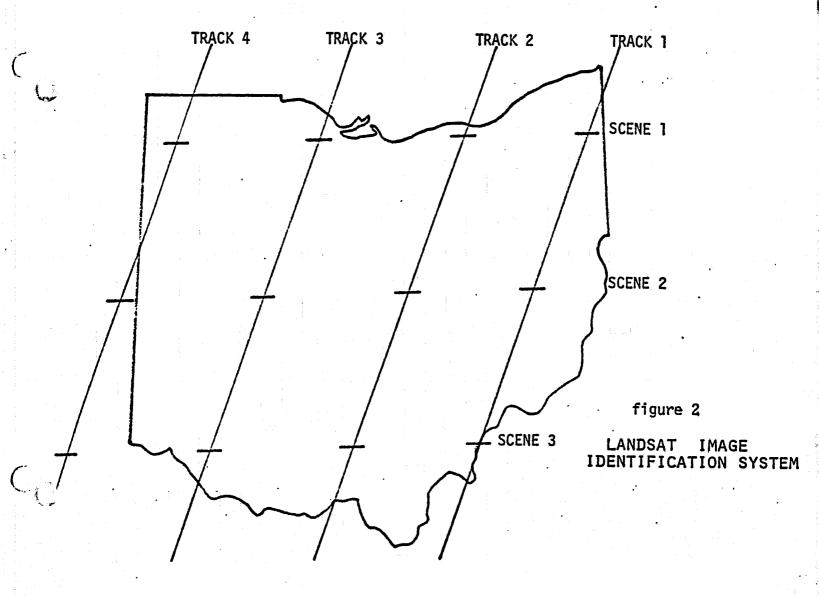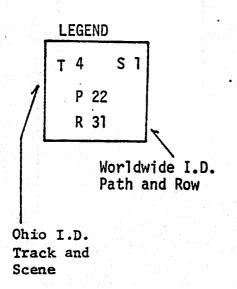
figure 3

CORRESPONDING OHIO/WORLDWIDE
LANDSAT IMAGE IDENTIFICATION

LEGEND

| T 4 S 1 |
|---|
| P 22 |
| R 31 |

Worldwide I.D.
Path and Row

Ohio I.D.
Track and
Scene

| T4　　S1 | T3　　S1 | T2　　S1 | T1　　　S1 |
|---|---|---|---|
| P 22 | P 21 | P 20 | P 19 |
| R 31 | R 31 | R 31 | R 31 |
| T4　　S2 | T3　　S2 | T2　　S2 | T2　　S2 |
| P 22 | P 21 | P 20 | P 19 |
| R 32 | R 32 | R 32 | R 32 |
| T4　　S3 | T3　　S3 | T3　　S3 | T3　　S3 |
| P 22 | P 21 | P 20 | P 19 |
| R 33 | R 33 | R 33 | R 33 |

A data log book was prepared with each page representing a cycle, and space provided for logging each track and scene entry illustrated in Figure 4. In this way, coverage was immediately apparent over time and location, plus the data adequacy.

## Data Review and Selection

Because of the ·strict criteria, most scenes were unaccepptable for processing and the state was still not covered as the late fall and winter months approached. Winter data is seasonally poor for land cover interpretation. Marginal scenes were selected, although from a complete search of the EROS LANDSAT data base (Jan. 22, 1975 forward) along with the good July 1975 data in a conference with the Bendix Aerospace Division. Due to the time factor, Computer Compatible Tapes (CCT's) were ordered from the EROS Data Center in January - February of 1976. In April of 1976, during cycle 24 of LANDSAT II, four good days of data collection provided data to substitute for the marginal scenes. The only exception was that scene covering the Cleveland vicinity.

The state decided to proceed with the data set as it stood in June 1976 and categorical processing was begun.

LANDSAT scenes processed from the best available coverage are shown in Table 1. The scene coverage is shown in Figure 5.

| | Track 4 / /| | Track 3 / /| | Track 2 / /| | Track 1 / /|
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

**Scene 1**

Track 4:
Bands 4 5 6 7
Quality _ _ _ _
Com _____

15411

Track 3:
Bands 4 5 6 7
Quality _ _ _ _
Com _____

15353

Track 2:
Bands 4 5 6 7
Quality _ _ _ _
Com _____

15301

Track 1:
Bands 4 5 6 7
Quality _ _ _ _
Com _____

15242

**Scene 2**

Bands 4 5 6 7
Quality _ _ _ _
Com _____

15413

Bands 4 5 6 7
Quality _ _ _ _
Com _____

15355

Bands 4 5 6 7
Quality _ _ _ _
Com _____

15303

Bands 4 5 6 7
Quality _ _ _ _
Com _____

15244

**Scene 3**

Bands 4 5 6 7
Quality _ _ _ _
Com _____

15415

Bands 4 5 6 7
Quality _ _ _ _
Com _____

15362

Bands 4 5 6 7
Quality _ _ _ _
Com _____

15305

Bands 4 5 6 7
Quality _ _ _ _
Com _____

15250

**Scene 4**

Bands 4 5 6 7
Quality _ _ _ _
Com _____

15420

Bands 4 5 6 7
Quality _ _ _ _
Com _____

15364

Bands 4 5 6 7
Quality _ _ _ _
Com _____

15310

Bands 4 5 6 7
Quality _ _ _ _
Com _____

15252

FIGURE 4
DATA ACQUISITION STATUS
LANDSAT II
(SAMPLE)

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## TABLE 1

LANDSAT scenes processed for the Ohio State inventory

| Reference Number 1 | LANDSAT Scene Number | LANDSAT Scene Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1A | 2190-15410 | 31 July 1975 |
| 1B | 2442-15372 | 8 April 1976 |
| 2A | 2189-15325 | 30 July 1975 |
| 2B | 2189-15355 | 30 July 1975 |
| 2C | 2441-15320 | 7 April 1976 |
| 3A | 2278-15283 | 27 October 1975 |
| 3B | 2188-15300 | 29 July 1975 |
| 3C | 2440-15262 | 6 April 1975 |
| 4A | 2439-15195 | 5 April 1976 |
| 4B | 2439-15201 | 5 April 1976 |
| 4C | 2439-15204 | 5 April 1976 · |
| OCD | 1337-15475 | 25 June 1973 |

Reference number was generated internally Bendix Aerospace

(Change detection in Franklin Co. area processed for merge with socio economic data.)

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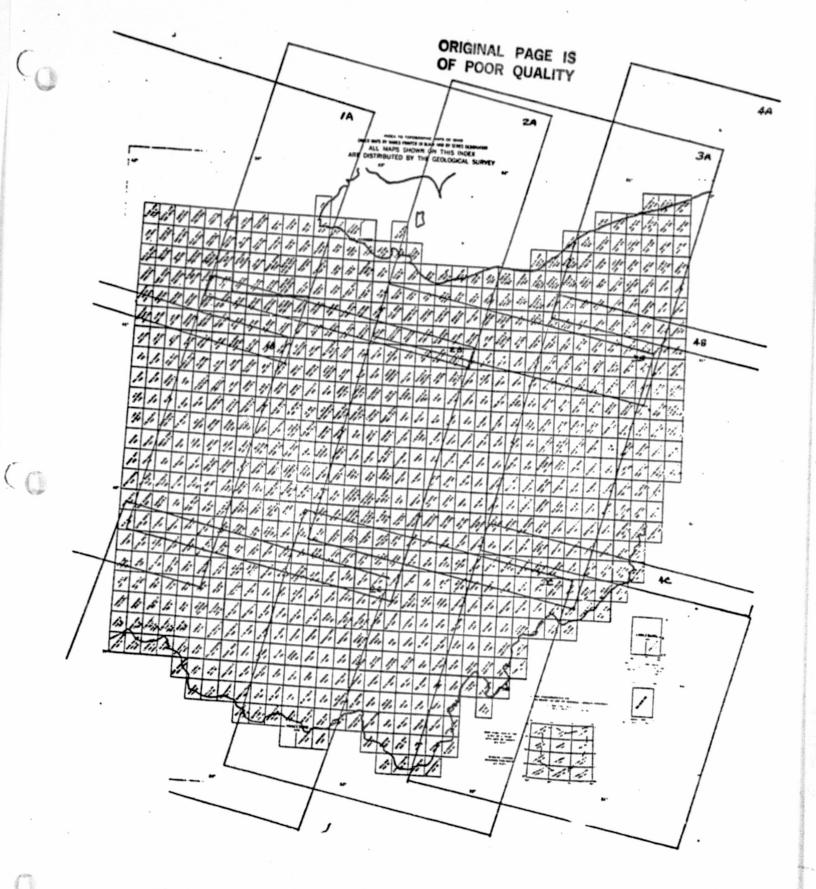
Figure 5. Location Map of Landsat Coverage

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## Developing Training Information

In a statewide program applying a new and generally unfamiliar technology, training the machine processing system becomes a problem, and a portion of the overall results of the program must be a function of the success of the training process. Flow of the technical program is shown in Figure 1. A total evaluation of this program may demonstrate that classification accuracy is spatially related to the distribution of the training areas.

Two approaches were taken. First, train with available aerial photography (small and large scale black and white and color infrared) in addition to other available maps and information. Second, an effort to develop an awareness at the local and regional level of training requirements of machine processing and to utilize that awareness, to obtain training information.

Information from this second approach was used in the southwest portion of the final inventory; however, a complete and proper implementation and evaluation was not made. Its presentation is made because of the attractiveness of (a) obtaining a large amount of training information without increasing the small state staff and (b) involving the probable final user in producing and utilizing the product. This second approach is outlined in the Appendix as stimulus for further development.

## Use of Available Data

The Ohio Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) provided several different types of ground truth material. The ground truth data

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included:  selected aerial photography covering portions of Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Akron, Toledo and other regions throughout the State, regional land use maps near Cleveland, and training area forms which were the result of a specific ground truth identification program developed by DECD.  LANDSAT images (band 5 and 7, at 1:1,000,000) were provided for each scene, and assisted in the selection of categorization coverage for each part of the state from the appropriate scenes.  In addition, a set of USGS 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps (1:24,000) were used for ground truth and ground control points.

Of the various types of training area material provided by the State, the most useful, listed in respective order, were:

   a)  Aerial photography - Color IR as flown by NASA in August 1975 at an altitude of 65,000 feet.

   b)  Other aerial photography - black and white over several specific areas of the State.

   c)  LANDSAT images - black and white at scale of 1:1,000,000 bands 5 and 7.

   d)  Ohio statewide land use inventory training area package.

   e)  USGS 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps for the entire State.

   g)  Additional soil maps, road maps and other Bendix materials.

Various combinations of these training materials were used to categorize the eleven LANDSAT scenes covering the entire state.

## MACHINE PROCESSING OF LANDSAT DATA
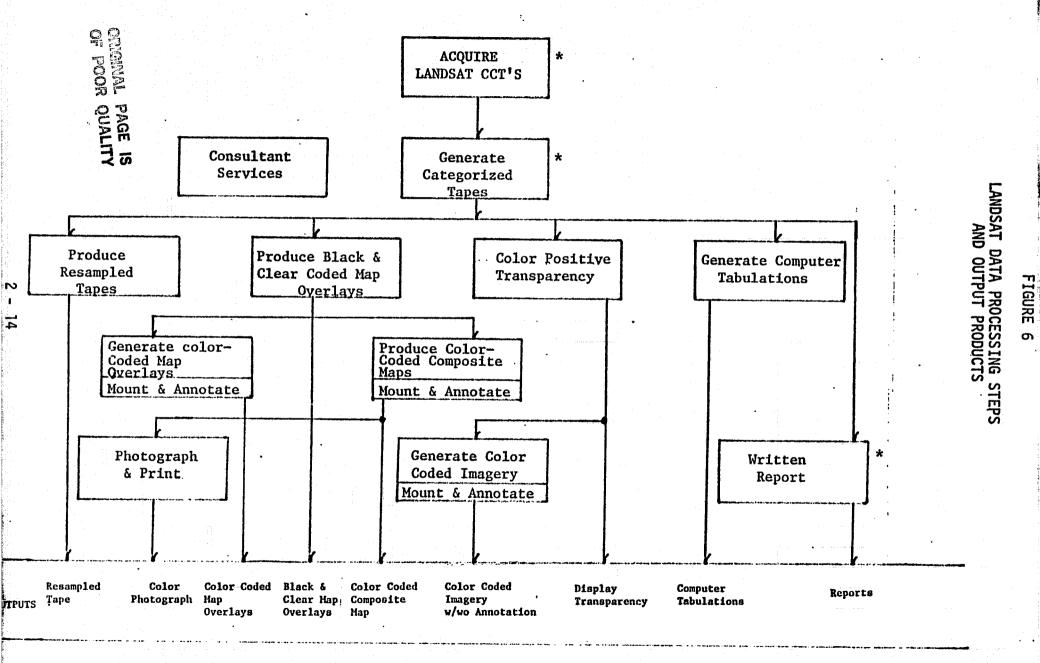
### LANDSAT Data Processing Steps

A number of processing steps were followed to produce the computer tape file products required for this project. Figure 6 shows the general sequence of steps and denotes which steps were taken. The following paragraphs describe these and other intermediate steps.

### Generation of Categorized Tapes

For this investigation, LANDSAT CCT's were acquired by the State of Ohio and processed on the Bendix Multispectral Data Analysis System (MDAS) to produce interpreted land cover data. Information provided by the State of Ohio was used to locate "training areas" nominally 20 to 40 acres in size which were representative of each category.

These areas of ground truth data were located on the LANDSAT CCT's by viewing the taped data on the M-DAS TV monitor. The coordinates of the training areas were designated to the computer by placing a cursor over the desired area and assigning a training area designation, category code, and color code. Several training areas, typically 20 to 50 pixels in size, were picked for each category, with each pixel corresponding to a ground coverage of 57 x 79 m. The color code was used in later playback of the tapes when the computer-categorized data are displayed in the designated colors.

LANDSAT DATA PROCESSING STEPS
AND OUTPUT PRODUCTS

FIGURE 6

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                    ┌─────────────────┐
                    │   ACQUIRE       │ *
                    │ LANDSAT CCT'S   │
                    └────────┬────────┘
                             │
┌─────────────────┐   ┌──────┴──────────┐
│   Consultant    │   │    Generate     │ *
│   Services      │   │   Categorized   │
└─────────────────┘   │     Tapes       │
                      └─────────────────┘
```

| Produce Resampled Tapes | Produce Black & Clear Coded Map Overlays | Color Positive Transparency | Generate Computer Tabulations |

| Generate color-Coded Map Overlays / Mount & Annotate | Produce Color-Coded Composite Maps / Mount & Annotate |

| Photograph & Print | Generate Color Coded Imagery / Mount & Annotate | Written Report * |

OUTPUTS

| Resampled Tape | Color Photograph | Color Coded Map Overlays | Black & Clear Map Overlays | Color Coded Composite Map | Color Coded Imagery w/wo Annotation | Display Transparency | Computer Tabulations | Reports |

\* Shading denotes steps or products included
for this investigation

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The LANDSAT spectral measurements within the training area boundaries were edited by the computer from the CCT, and processed to obtain a numerical descriptor (computer-processing coefficients) to represent the spectral characteristics of each target category. The descriptors included the mean signal and standard deviation for each LANDSAT band and the covariance matrix taken about the mean. The descriptors were then used to generate a set of processing coefficients for each category. In multivariate categorized processing, the coefficients are used by the computer to form a linear combination of the LANDSAT measurements for each pixel. The variable produced has an amplitude which is associated with the probability that the unknown pixel measurements belong to the particular target category sought. In categorical processing, the probability of a LANDSAT pixel arising from each one of the different target categories of interest is computed for each pixel and a decision, based on these computations, is reached. If all the probabilities are below a threshold level specified by the operator, the computer will decide that the category viewed is unknown (uncategorized).

Once the analyses were completed for the cover types of interest, the MDAS computer used the LANDSAT measurements from these training areas to categorize each one acre picture element (pixel) with the state. The categorization effort resulted in a "categorized tape". On this new tape, a digital code is used to represent the interpreted land-cover categories. Special software was developed for this project, at no cost to the contract, to merge the category groups from each of the eleven scenes into one common category coding. The data was then reformatted to create a new merged categorized tape containing the standard category coding for the entire state.

## Geometric Control

After categorization and prior to producing the tape products, the LANDSAT data was geometrically controlled. There are three basic steps involved in producing coefficients for the correction of LANDSAT data. The first step consists of automatic retrieval of the latitude and longitude of carefully selected ground control points from a map through a digitizing process. The criteria for the selection of these ground control points includes ease of identification and accuracy of location. Examples of ground control points include confluence of rivers, intersection of roads, bridges over river, and pointed shoreline and coastal features. The 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps were used for these ground control points.

The second step consists of converting the latitude and longitude of these ground control points to LANDSAT coordinates, using a theorectical transformation derived from known and assumed spacecraft parameters such as heading, scan rate, and altitude, and from a knowledge of earth rotation parameters. The LANDSAT coordinates and transformation matrices thus obtained are approximate, based on the use of the nominal spacecraft parameters. The approximately-derived LANDSAT coordinates and transformation are used, however, to identify the actual LANDSAT coordinates associated with the ground control points. To accomplish this, the coordinates of a ground control point are input to the Bendix data processing system. The approximate transformation computes the LANDSAT coordinates and displays the area on a TV monitor. Positional error of the ground control points displayed to the investigator are designated to the computer by the cursor. This error measurement is used by the computer to derive a set of coefficients for the transformation matrix.

The procedure is then repeated on additional ground control points until the desired geometric accuracy is achieved. This rapid interactive procedure is essential for producing a transformation matirx which provides an accurate correction for the spacecraft data. This correction is then applied during the preparation of all data products.

## Resampled Computer File Tapes

The categorized-merged tapes were processed to aggregate the categorization of each scene into a standard categorization code for the entire state. The state was sectioned into rectrangular groups of quadrangles in order to obtain the best categorization and complete coverage of the state.

Resampled computer file tapes were produced for the basic inventory data unit of a 7-1/2 minute quadrangle. The specific data unit size, resolution element size and tape header information were designed to interface with the state's data management system. Each quadrangle (data unit) is preceded by a tape header as described on page 18. The resolution elements obtained by resempling the LANDSAT data are defined by a grid size of 30.48 meters in the east-west direction and 182 lines per quadrangle in the north-south direction (N-S length approx. 75 meters). The elements are north-south oriented on the resampled tapes. It should be noted that many of the quadrangles contain a "primary" or "subordinate" title, which indicates the preferred categorical and geometric data where possibly a "subordinate" quadrangle appears on another tape.

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# SAMPLE DATA UNIT

DESCRIPTION OF HEADER RECORDS (RECORD 1) FOR RESAMPLED LANDSAT QUAD TAPES

The header record size is 30 EBCDIC characters as follows:

| Character | Description |
|---|---|
| 1 - 6 | 'ERTS-or $\begin{array}{c} 1' \\ 2' \end{array}$ |
| 7 - 14 | Date of flight:  A blank followed by day of month, numberals, month of year abbreviated to three alpha characters, and year abbreviated to two numerals. Example:  '29JUN74' |
| 15 - 30 | Constant 'Cb' (b for blank), then Latitude direction (N or S) and magnitude in degrees and minutes followed by '/' and Longitude direction (E or W) and magnitude in degrees and minutes. Example:  "C N42-13/W115-35' Meaning:  Format center C is Latitude North 42° 13', Longitude West 115° 35'. |

DESCRIPTION OF QUAD FILE IDENTIFICATION RECORD 4...(n+2)

The record size is 80 EBCIDIC characters

| Character | Description |
|---|---|
| 1 - 2 | Quad identification code (Ø Ø if outside state) |
| 3 | Blank |
| 4 - 30 | Quadrangle Name (or "outside State of Ohio"_ |
| 31 - 39 | Blank |
| 40 - 49 | LANDSAT scene number (ØØØØ-ØØØØ) |
| 50 | Blank |
| 51 - 60 | Categorization indicator "primary" or "Subordinate" (this word indicates the primary or a subordinate categorization for the particular quadrangle) |

## Land Use/Cover Categories Identified

Table 2, p. 21 lists the type of land cover categories identified for the entire State of Ohio, and shows the category code number used for each category for the computer tape files.

The categories listed in Table 2 were named to provide a brief title of the land use/cover they include. A summary of some of the characteristics of each category follows.

Urban, Core. Developed areas with high concentration of impermeable surface and no vegetation, such as central business district and high density industrial, commercial and residential areas. This category also includes portions of the Ohio River, indicating that at the time of data acquisition the river was at low flow stage exposing large areas of the river bottom and banks, or that the river was highly turbid (high suspended sediment).

Urban, Residential. Developed areas with medium concentrations of impermeable surface and limited vegetation, including medium density commercial and single and multifamily residential areas.

Urban, Suburban/Agriculture. Developed areas with medium concentrations of impermeable surface and limited vegetation, including low density commercial and low density single and multifamily residential areas. Older houses with large tended grass or brush areas, are included in this category.

Agriculture, Vigorous Growth. No specific ground truth was available for determination of crop types over the State. Since the inventory is more concerned with agriculture vs. non-agriculture delineation, the growing agriculture was divided into only two subgroups. Vigorous growth agriculture includes those crop types with a high chlorophyll content growing in thick density.

Agriculture, Medium-Sparse Growth. This category includes areas where the crop may contain a lower chlorophyll content, or is growing in medium to thin denstiy, or has been recently harvested.

Agriculture, Bare Fields. This indicates cropland areas that have been harvested and/or plowed. It should be noted that both July 1975 and April 1976 LANDSAT data was used in the inventory, and areas which were bare in Arpil 1976 may have experienced vigorous growth in July 1975. The categorization indicates the condition during the LANDSAT scene date.

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**Agriculture, Pasture**. These areas are non-cropland fields or late season grain crops.

**Rangeland, Reclaimed Stripmine/Urban**. The category was chosen to define reclaimed stripmine areas; the category also appears in the urban areas where the rock-grass area appears similar to the buildings-grass areas in the LANDSAT data. The differentiation may be easily made by noting the geographical (i.e., city-country) location of this category.

**Rangeland, Scrub and Brush**. This category exists where vegetation has partially regrown in areas previously disturbed by agriculture and/or urban development, or in areas of low soil moisture content.

**Rangeland, Herbaceous**. This category encompasses lands dominated by naturally occurring grasses. Due to the seasonal period of the LANDSAT data, the category will include naturally occurring grasslands and planted recreation lands.

**Rangeland, Grass-tended**. Grass that is highly fertilized and watered, including golf courses, cemeteries, parks and/or recreation areas.

**Forest, Mixed decidious**, including lowland and upland types. Significant stands of conifers were not identified in the ground truth data.

**Water, Turbid**. Water in rivers, lakes, reservoirs and basins with a high quantity of suspended sediment.

**Water, Clear**. Water in rivers, lakes and reservoirs with a low amount of suspended sediment or algae content.

**Wetland, Non-Forested**. Areas dominated by herbaceous vegetation or nonvegetated, including tidal marshes, freshwater meadows, wet prairie and open bogs.

**Wetland, Forested**. Wetlands dominated by woody vegetation, including seasonally flooded bottomland hardwoods, wooded swamps, and areas around bogs.

**Barren, Settling Pond**. Areas created for processing and/or waste storage of solidified material.

**Barren, Beaches**. Smooth sloping accumulations of sand and gravel along shoreline.

**Barren, Mines, Quarries and Gravel Pits**. Areas where extractive mining activities have significant surface expression. Flooded areas are typically placed in the water category.

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Barren, Stripped Bare. Areas where significant strip mining and/or construction has greatly disturbed the landscape.

Barren, Stripped/Urban. These areas were originally identified in the barren categroy, but are also found in the urban area where large concentrations of buildings or concrete or transportation centers look similar in the LANDSAT data. The category can be appropriately defined in the context of the locality where it exists.

Uncategorized. This category includes all pixels that do not fall into the remaining categories.

# TABLE 2

## CATEGORY NAME AND NUMBER ASSIGNMENT

Urban                                01
    Core                                              011
    Residential                                       012
    Suburban/Agriculture                              013

Agriculture                          02
    Vigorous Growth                                   021
    Medium-Sparse Growth                              022
    Bare Fields                                       023
    Pasture                                           024

Rangeland                            03
    Reclaimed/Urban                                   031
    Scrub & Brush                                     032
    Herbaceous                                        033
    Grass-tended                                      034

Forest                               04
    Mixed                                             041

Water                                05
    Turbid                                            051
    Clear                                             052

Wetland                              06
    Non-Forested                                      061
    Forested                                          062

Barren                               07
    Settling Pond                                     071
    Beaches                                           072
    Mines, Quarries &
       Gravel Pits                             073
    Stripped/Bare                                     074
    Stripped/Urban                                    075

Uncategorized                        00

## Special Processing and Problems

During the training and analysis of the LANDSAT data, two common problems were resolved by special processing techniques. One problem, which occurred throughout the categorization of all the scenes, involved confusion of the urban (residential-suburban) and barren (extractive-bare earth) categories. The problem was resolved by judicious selection of training areas where the classification could be easily determined based on the geographic location of the category. For example, the Barren, Stripped/Urban category was selected for categorization of active strip mining, but also appeared in the central urban areas. The correct categorization (Barren or Urban) is easily identified when one notes whether the category is in an urban area, or in the countryside. For statistical purposes, the boundary of the specific area may be digitized and correctly included in any tabulation of a large area which may encompass both types of land-use.

The second special problem involved agriculture/urban categorization in a specific location centered near Defiance, Ohio. In this case, the problem appeared to be a factor of geology, soils, crop condition and season in the 2190-15410, 31 July 1975 scene. The problem was that urban categories selected with training sets in the Toledo area appeared in the agricultural fields near Defiance. The general shape of this area approximately corresponded to an arrowhead pointed in a southwest direction. Further investigation and analysis indicated that the anomalous urban category was directly related to a flat expanse of moderately dark colored, poorly drained Paulding soils deposited during the last glaciation. This area was apparent

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the LANDSAT black and white, band 5 image and local geologic maps. (Refer to "Know Ohio's Soil, 1973).

This problem was resolved by performing the training, analysis and processing twice for the same area. The initial work was done for the correct categorization outside of this particular Defiance area, and a second categorization was undertaken for the agriculture in the specific area.

The data was processed for both categorizations, and two processed merged tapes were produced. Quadrangles for the resampled computer file tapes were specifically selected from one or the other categorization to provide the best classification. Quadrangles from Lyons southward to Malinta and those to the east were resampled from the categorization favoring the Toledo urban area, while those quadrangles to the west and south of N41-30-00, W84-07-30 were chosen from the Defiance agricultural categorization. An additional tape of the anomalous - subordinate quadrangles in the Toledo area was delivered for further analysis by the State. Therefore, this specific problem due to geologic soil deposits was resolved by performing two categorizations and selecting the correct categorization for each particular quadrangle in the vicinity of Defiance, Ohio.

## Evaluation of Categorization

Before producing categorized data for each LANDSAT scene covering a portion of the state, a number of tests were applied to evaluate the computer's ability to perform the desired interpretation. The tests included generation of categorization-accuracy tables, and viewing the processed imagery on the

MDAS TV monitor. Selection of training areas, generation of accuracy tables, and evaluation of processing results through use of computer print-outs and the TV monitor were iterative operations, and were performed for each LANDSAT scene.

Ground truth data which remained from the initial training set selection were compared with a category-color coded display of the area on the MDAS monitor. The categorization was verified through the use of the ground truth points, aerial photography and map data at various scales. Finally, the quadrangle file tapes were displayed, examined and compared with ground truth data and maps for a final evaluation.

Table 3 is a categorization accuracy table for scene 2188-15300. It should be read row by row and measures the percent of each training set as it is categorized by the categorical coefficients, against each of the categorical groups. Row 9, for example, indicates that, when the pixels in training set 9 are categorized, 20% of the pixels are categorized into group 2, which is water, and 76% are categorized into group 9, which is also water of apparently similar qualities.

Ground Control Points

For this investigation, approximately 1,000 total ground control points were used to precisely control the LANDSAT data. The RMS error was typically less than two picture elements (pixels) and two scan lines. The ground control points were digitized from 1:24,000 scale maps.
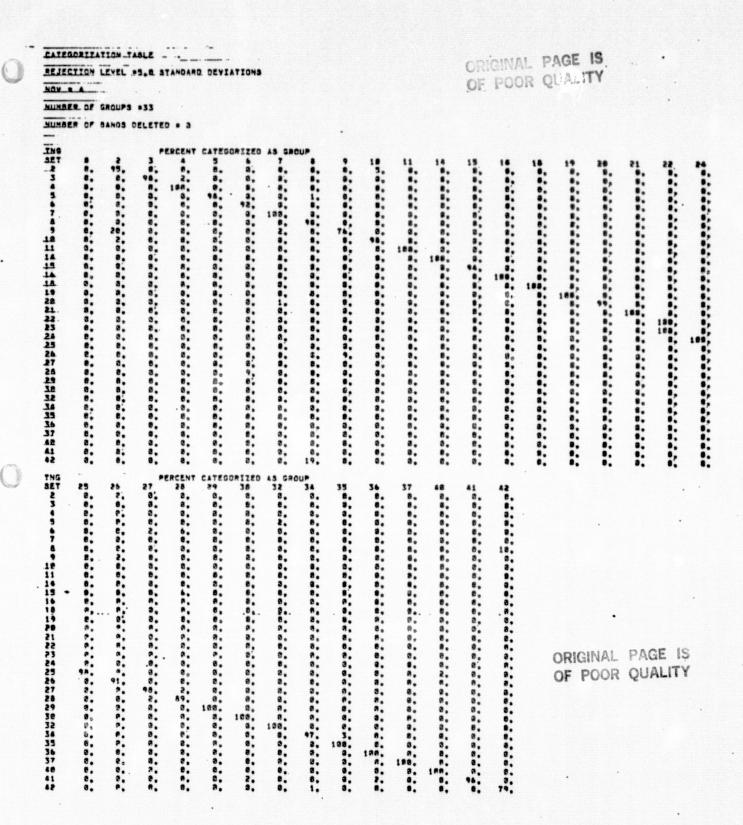
CATEGORIZATION TABLE

REJECTION LEVEL .95 Q STANDARD DEVIATIONS

NOV = A

NUMBER OF GROUPS =33

NUMBER OF BANDS DELETED = 3

| TNG SET | | | | | | PERCENT | CATEGORIZED | AS | GROUP | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 24 |
| 2 | 0. | 95. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 5. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 3 | 0. | 0. | 98. | 2. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 4 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 100. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 5 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 98. | 0. | 0. | 1. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 6 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 92. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 7 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 100. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 8 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 98. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 9 | 0. | 20. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 2. | 74. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 10 | 0. | 2. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 98. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 11 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 100. | 2. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 14 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 100. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 15 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 44. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 16 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 100. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 18 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 100. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 19 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 100. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 20 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 1. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 99. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 21 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 100. | 0. | 0. |
| 22 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 100. | 0. |
| 23 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 100. | 0. |
| 24 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 100. |
| 25 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 2. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 26 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 9. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 27 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 28 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 29 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 30 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 32 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 34 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 35 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 36 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 37 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 40 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 41 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 42 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 19. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |

| TNG SET | | PERCENT | CATEGORIZED | AS | GROUP | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 32 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 40 | 41 | 42 |
| 2 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 3 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 4 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 5 | 0. | 0. | 2. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 6 | 0. | 0. | 2. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 7 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 2. | 0. | 0. |
| 8 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 12. |
| 9 | 0. | 2. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 10 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 11 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 14 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 15 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 16 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 18 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 19 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 20 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 21 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 22 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 23 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 24 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 25 | 98. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 2. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 26 | 0. | 91. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 27 | 2. | 0. | 40. | 2. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 28 | 2. | 0. | 2. | 89. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 29 | 0. | 2. | 0. | 0. | 100. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 30 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 100. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 32 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 100. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 34 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 47. | 3. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 35 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 2. | 100. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 36 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 100. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 37 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 100. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 40 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 100. | 0. | 0. |
| 41 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 2. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 96. | 2. |
| 42 | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 1. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 79. |

Table 3. Categorization Table for Scene 2188-15300

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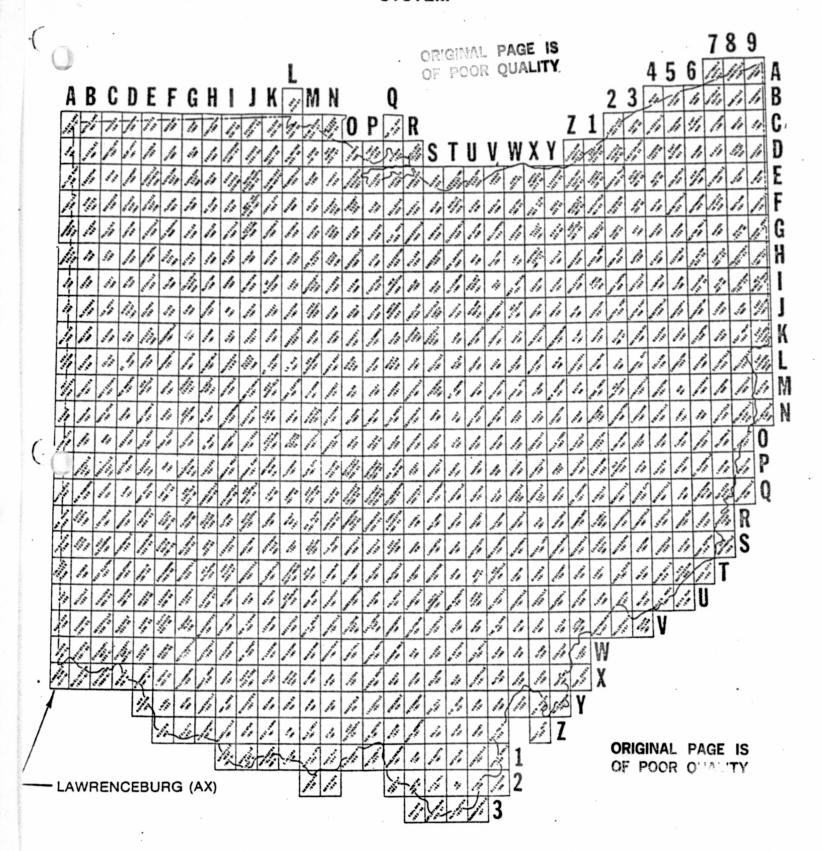# CHAPTER II-3

## BUILDING THE DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

<u>Creation of Digital Political Boundary Files</u>

The initial phase in the development of the Land Use Inventory for the
State of Ohio was to convert all counties and townships into the digital
format of the OCAP[1] system.  The counties and townships could later be
masked with the appropriate LANDSAT information to produce tabular summaries
and maps of land cover for each political unit.  Source maps used for the
conversion process included an Ohio county/township map at the scale of
1:500000, and the 788 USGS 7-1/2' quadrangles of Ohio at the scale of
1:24000.

An identification system was developed for referencing and storing each
quadrangle as a computer file.  A quadrangle index sheet, showing all qua-
drangles in the state, was coded in the horizontal direction with the letters
A - Z and the number 1 - o, beginning in the northwest and continuing to
the northeast.  The vertical direction was coded with the letters A -·Z and
the numbers 1 -3, beginning in the northwest and continuing to the south-
west (Figure 7).  To determine the identification of any quadrangle, one
would first read the letter or number corresponding to the column in which

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1.  OCAP is an acronym for Ohio capability analysis program.  It is a
    computer information and mapping system which consists of various pro-
    grams used to digitally store and analyze information which is neces-
    sary to determine the capability of land to support given functions.

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# FIGURE 7.
## QUADRANGLE IDENTIFICATION
## SYSTEM

LAWRENCEBURG (AX)

the quadrangle is located, then the letter or number corresponding to the row.  As an example, Lawrenceburg quadrangle, in the southwest corner of Ohio, would be coded "AX".

Digitizing of political boundaries necessitated the use of consistent and accurate measurements for the horizontal and vertical distances of each quadrangle.  Quadrangle measurements were then determined from <u>Cartographic Tables of Topographic Instructions of the United States Geologic Survey</u>.
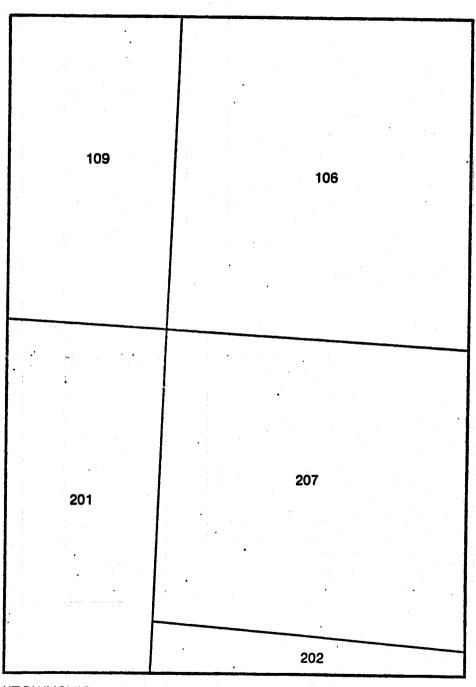
Eleven Ohio townships were then located on the quadrangles with the exception of Cuyahoga County.  The Regional Planning Commission from Cuyahoga County provided 1976 municipality and corporate limits as an alternative to township units.

## Encoding and Digitizing Political Boundaries

Political boundaries were encoded on the 7-1/2' quadrangles with appropriate county/township identification codes (Figure 8).  Each county was assigned a single digit county identification number ranging from 0 to 9 so that no two adjacent counties would have the same number.  Each township, in alphabetical sequence within a county, was assigned a two digit number ranging from 01 to nn (Figure 9).  An example, Bedford Township in Meigs County has an identification number of 201.  The "2" is the county identification and the "01" is the township identification.  This numbering system insured that no two political units on a given quadrangle would have an identical code.

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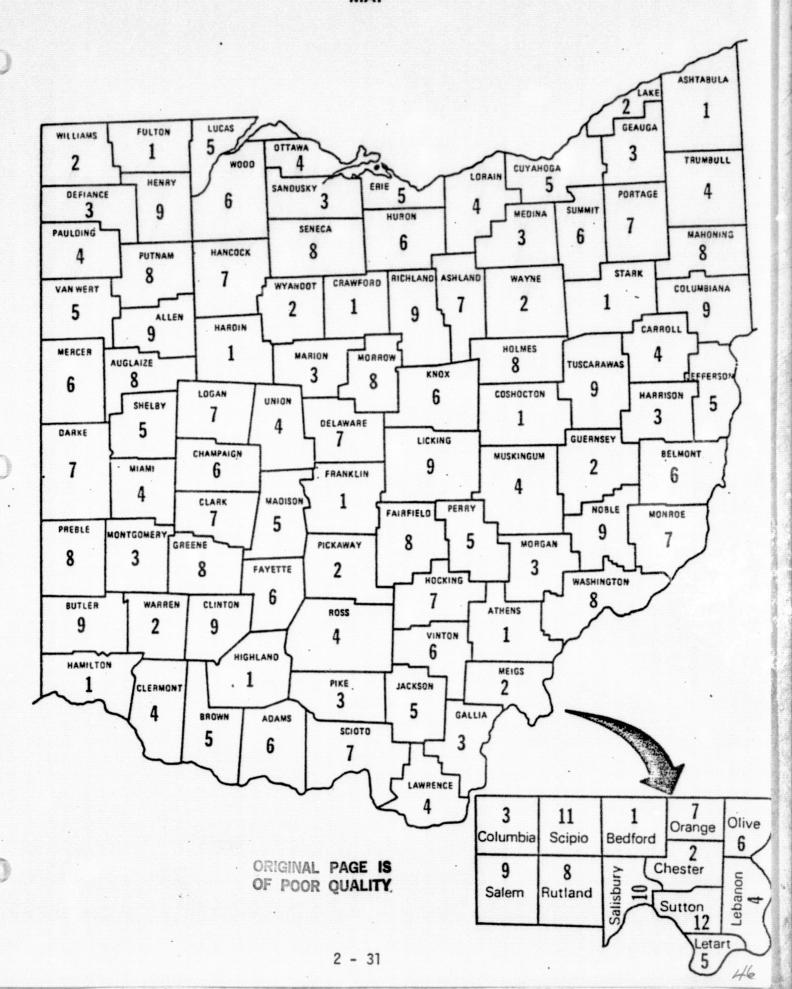
FIGURE 8.

# POLITICAL BOUNDARY BASE MAP
## ALFRED QUADRANGLE



| COUNTY/TOWNSHIP IDENTIFICATION CODE | COUNTY | TOWNSHIP |
|---|---|---|
| 106 | Athens | Carthage |
| 109 | Athens | Lodi |
| 201 | Meigs | Bedford |
| 202 | Meigs | Chester |
| 207 | Meigs | Orange |

**FIGURE 9.**
**COUNTY/TOWNSHIP IDENTIFICATION MAP**

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Seventy-five percent of the quadrangles were digitized, using a polygon method and twenty-five percent using a row segment method unique to the OCAP system. The polygon method required circumscribing each county/township unit and recording vertices of each. The row segment method required digitizing 182 lines of information in the Y - axis with appropriate county/township codes.

The digitizing method selected was dependent upon the efficiency and accuracy of data conversion. Output form digitizing was a punched card deck representing political boundary locations within each quadrangle.

## Processing and Mapping of Political Boundary Data Files

The quadrangles digitized using the polygon method were first processed through the POLYGON program to convert digitized vertices for political boundaries into the standard row segment format of the OCAP system. The quadrangles digitized using the row segment method were processed through the EDIT 2 program. Input for both methods included the punched card deck and program control cards. Output was disk storage of the political boundary data files and a listing of each file.
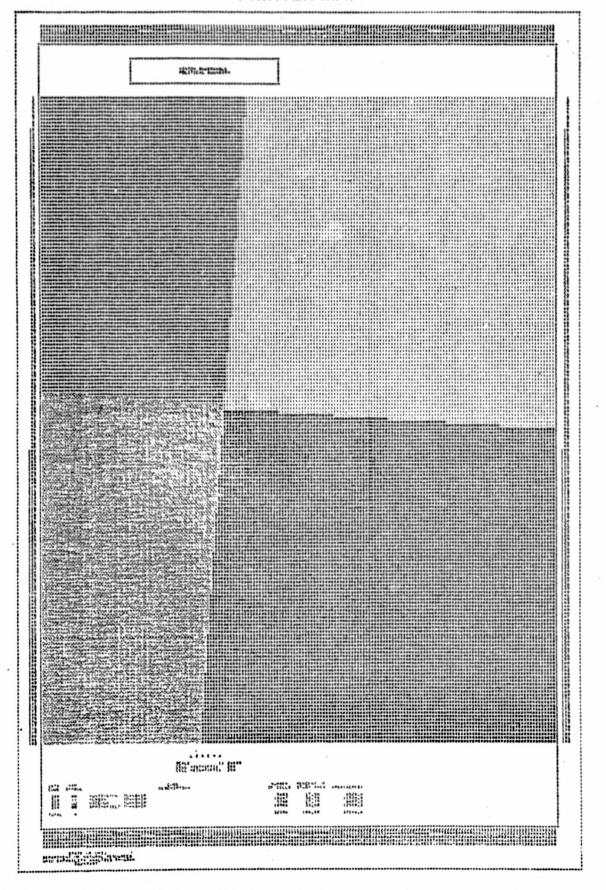
The output files were then mapped using the MAP program. A line printer map with character dimensions of 200' x 250' (1.15 acres) was produced for each quadrangle (Figure 10). Mapping was necessary to verify the accuracy of the data conversion.

## Verification and Editing of the Political Boundary Data Files

A visual edit was performed for each political boundary file. The computer map was compared to its corresponding quadrangle to insure all information

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FIGURE 10.
**POLITICAL BOUNDARY LINE
PRINTER MAP**

was converted accurately. Errors were flagged on the computer map and edited using the EDIT 2 program (Figure 11). All political boundary quadrangle files were then permanently stored on computer tape.

## Creation of Political Boundary County Files

After all political boundary quadrangle files encompassing a particular county were completed, the individual quadrangles were merged into a county area file using the MERGE program (Figure 12). The county area file contained information not only for the county of particular interest, but also information for portions of counties adjacent to it. The BOUNDARY program was used to separate the county of interest from the county area file.

The political boundary county file was then mapped, verified for data accuracy, and copied to permanent storage on computer tape.

## Conversion of Bendix Land Cover Files

The next major phase in developing the Land Use Inventory for the State of Ohio was to create LANDSAT land cover files, which were the basic input into the inventory. LANDSAT data was developed from 11 LANDSAT scenes acquired in 1975-76 by the Aerospace Division of Bendix Corporation[1]. The data was forwarded to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for reformating to the OCAP system. The reformated data could then be used with the political boundary data to produce tabular summaries and maps for townships
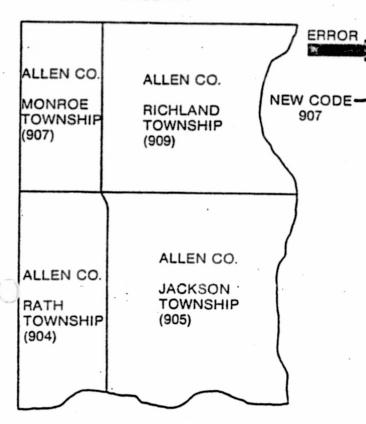
1. For a detailed discussion, see Bendix Report BSR 4255.

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# FIGURE 11.
## VISUAL EDIT

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BEAVERDAM QUADRANGLE
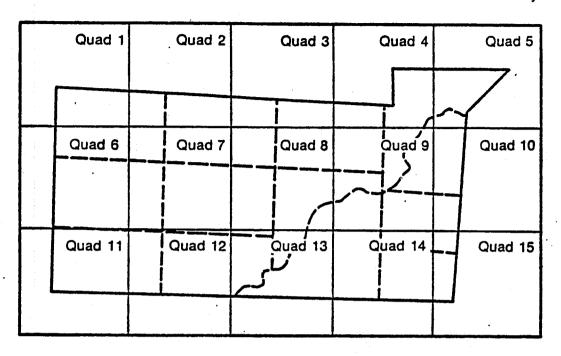COMPUTER MAP

BEAVERDAM QUADRANGLE
BASE MAP

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00000000000000000000000000000000
00001111122222333334444455555666
24680246802468024680246802468024
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00000000000000000000000000000000
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| | |
|---|---|
| ALLEN CO. | ALLEN CO. |
| MONROE TOWNSHIP (907) | RICHLAND TOWNSHIP (909) |
| ALLEN CO. RATH TOWNSHIP (904) | ALLEN CO. JACKSON TOWNSHIP (905) |

ERROR →

NEW CODE 907

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 1 ZZZZZZZZZZIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII
 2 XXXXXXXXXIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII
 3 ZZZZZZZZZZIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII
 4 ZZZZZZZZZZIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII
 5 ZZZZZZZZZZIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII
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 8 ZZZZZZZZZZIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII
 9 ZZZZZZZZZZIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII
10 ZZZZZZZZZZIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII
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14 0000000000=====================
15 0000000000=====================
16 0000000000=====================
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22 0000000000=====================
23 0000      =====       =====
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| DATA CODE | MAP SYMBOL | CODE DESCRIPTION | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 904 | 00 | ALLEN | RATH |
| 905 | == | ALLEN | JACKSON |
| 907 | ZZ | ALLEN | MONROE |
| 909 | II | ALLEN | RICHLAND |
| 910 | XX | ALLEN | SHAWNEE |

# FIGURE 12.
## POLITICAL BOUNDARY COUNTY AREA
## AND COUNTY FILES
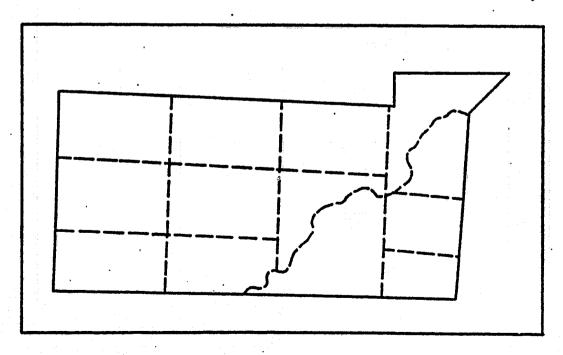
POLITICAL BOUNDARY COUNTY AREA FILE       Butler County

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Quad 1 | Quad 2 | Quad 3 | Quad 4 | Quad 5 |
| Quad 6 | Quad 7 | Quad 8 | Quad 9 | Quad 10 |
| Quad 11 | Quad 12 | Quad 13 | Quad 14 | Quad 15 |

POLITICAL BOUNDARY COUNTY FILE       Butler County

Dotted lines denote township boundaries

and counties in Ohio. Summary information was stored in the MARK IV information management system which will be discussed in Section III.
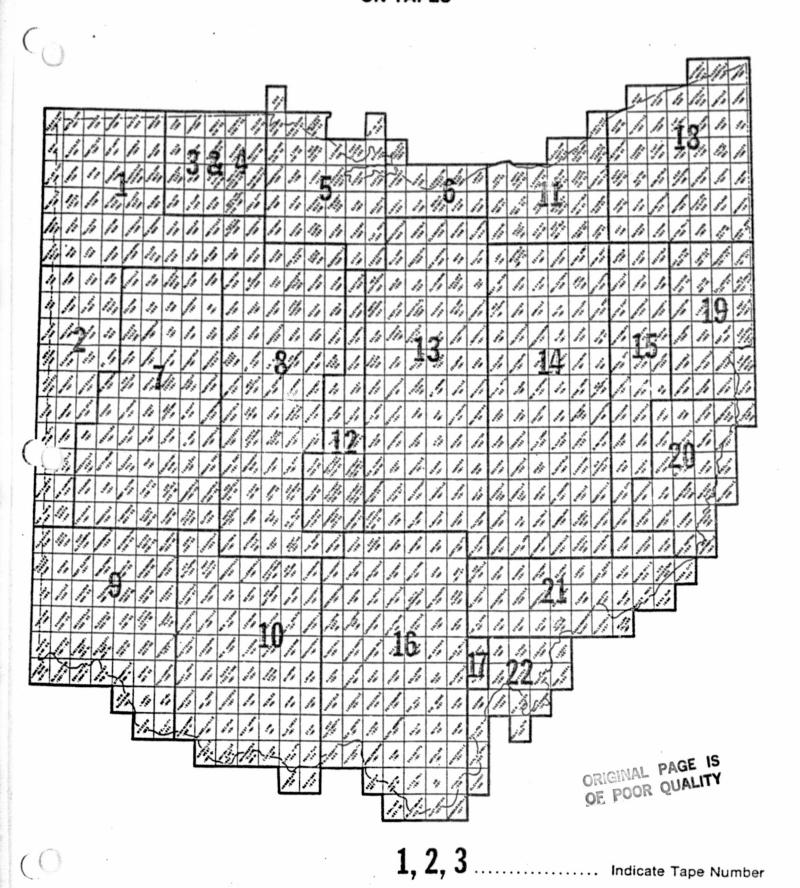
Bendix produced LANDSAT data files for all 7-1/2' quadrangles in the State. Each file was stored on computer tape with the number of files per tape ranging from 2 to 75 (Figure 13). A number of quadrangles were located on two separate tapes as primary and subordinate files. The primary files were used for all subsequent OCAP processing. The data file consisted of descriptions of each quadrangle file and digital data codes representing land cover categories. The categories used in the inventory included 7 level I and 22 level II categories, with an additional undefined category. The level I and level II categories with their corresponding codes were listed in Table 2 with a discussion of categories, but are repeated here for convenience in Table 4.

## Format Conversion of Bendix Files to OCAP Files

A computer program called CVTOCAP was written to convert Bendix LANDSAT files into the OCAP format since the Bendix format could not be directly used in OCAP processing. The main purpose of the program was to reformat LANDSAT data from a grid format to the row segment format of OCAP. The program provided a description of each quadrangle file, including scene number, primary or subordinate, date, geographical coordinates, and header characteristics of the output OCAP file (Table 5). The program also had the flexibility of providing either level I or level II categories or aggregating categories upon user specification.

Initial conversion was completed for 105 sample quadrangle files indicated in Figure 14. The sample areas were mapped in a line printer and compared

# FIGURE 13.
## LANDSAT QUAD FILE LOCATION
## ON TAPES

**1, 2, 3** ................. Indicate Tape Number

————————— Indicates Tape Boundaries

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# TABLE 4.

## LAND USE/LAND COVER CATEGORIES AND CODES

| Categories | | Codes |
|---|---|---|
| Level I | Level II | |
| Urban | | 01 |
| | Core | 011 |
| | Residential | 012 |
| | Suburban/Agriculture | 013 |
| Agriculture | | 02 |
| | Vigorous Growth | 021 |
| | Medium-Sparse Growth | 022 |
| | Bare Fields | 023 |
| | Pasture | 024 |
| Rangeland | | 03 |
| | Reclaimed/Urban | 031 |
| | Scrub & Brush | 032 |
| | Herbaceous | 033 |
| | Grass-tended | 034 |
| Forest | | 04 |
| | Mixed | 041 |
| Water | | 05 |
| | Turbid | 051 |
| | Clear | 052 |
| Wetland | | 06 |
| | Non-Forested | 061 |
| | Forested | 062 |
| Barren | | 07 |
| | Settling Pond | 071 |
| | Beaches | 072 |
| | Mines, Quarries & Gravel Pits | 073 |
| | Stripped/Bare | 074 |
| | Stripped/Urban | 075 |
| Uncategorized | | 00 |

# TABLE 5.

## Output File Description of Conversion Program

```
**** BENDIX RESAMPLED DATA TO OCAP CONVERSION ****

                DATE (MM/DD/YY):  11/26/76
                TIME (HH:MM:SS):  19:54:28

HENDIX HEADER DESCRIPTION

    ERTS FLIGHT:                 ERTS-2
    FLIGHT DATE:                 29JUL75
    SCENE CENTER:              C N40-25/W082-04
    EAST SAMPLING INTERVAL:       30.4800
    NORTH SAMPLING INTERVAL:       0.0000

    CONTROL SPECIFICATION FROM SYSIN:

    QUAD IDENT:                  OK GALION
    VARIABLE IDENT:              LANDSA  LANDCOVER
    QUAD NUMBER OF INPUT:           5
    OUTPUT FILE DONAME:          OUT01
    RIGHT DISTANCE (FIRST):      3463
    RIGHT DISTANCE (LAST):       3470
    CATEGORY TYPE:               A
    ZERO-CODE REPLACEMENT:       NO

    T-LONG OF N.W. CORNER:       N 40 45.0    W 82 52.5
    T-LONG OF S.E. CORNER:       N 40 37.5    W 82 45.0
    # OF OUTPUT ELEMENTS:           347
    # OF OUTPUT LINES:              182
    QUAD IDENT FROM INPUT:       OK GALION                         218A-15300

OCAP FILE DESCRIPTION

                    FILE NAME:   OK GALION
                VARIABLE NAME:   LANDSA  LANDCOVER
                 DATE CREATED:   761126
                 DATE UPDATED:   000000
               MAX PAIR COUNT:   105
            NO. OF VARIABLES:    1
                STARTING ROW:    1
                  ENDING ROW:    182
                       SCALE:    11 24000
               DISTANCE UNIT:    10. FEET
               LARGEST CODE:     80
            LARGEST DISTANCE:    3470

OUTPUT FILE CREATED
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**FIGURE 14.**
**SAMPLE QUADRANGLES MAPPED FOR VISUAL COMPARISON**

X — Indicates Quads Converted and Mapped For Visual Comparison

— Indicates Tape Boundaries

for general geometric and classification accuracy with USGS 7-1/2' qua-
drangle maps. The comparison indicated that tape 11 and 19 could not be
used, either because of poor classification (Tape 11) or missing files
(Tape 19). The poor classification of Tape 11 was probably the result of
choosing a poor LANDSAT scene. It was also noted that most quads had to
be shifted somewhat in the X and Y directions, in order to be aligned
correctly with their corresponding line printer maps. The files on the re-
maining tapes appeared acceptable, and were converted into the OCAP format,
using the CVTOCAP program and mapped on a line printer (Figure 15). The
files were then permanently stored on computer tape for subsequent proces-
sing.

## Creation of LANDSAT County Area Files

Upon completion of the LANDSAT conversion, the LANDSAT quadrangles encom-
passing a particular county were merged into a LANDSAT county area file.
The merge process was identical to the merge process for political bound-
aries with one exception. It was not required to create county files since
the summaries could be produced using the political boundary county file
and LANDSAT county area file.
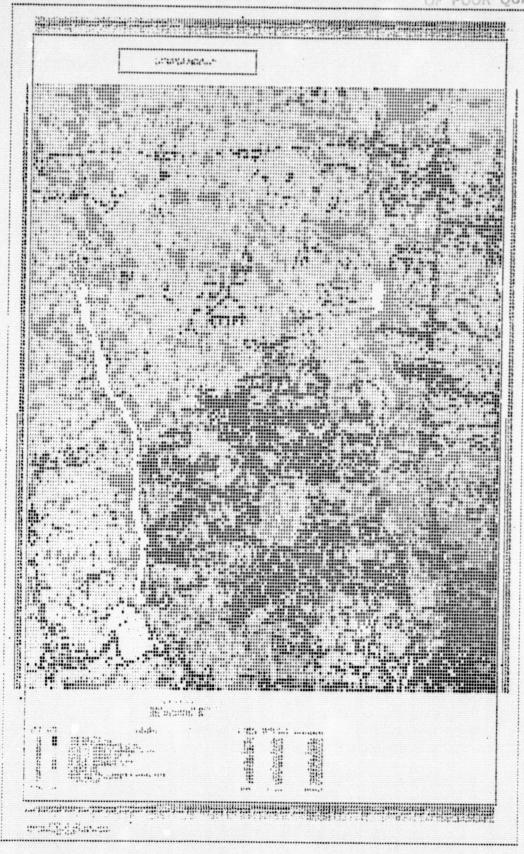
The LANDSAT county area files were copied and permanently stored on com-
puter tape.

## Creation of Statistical Data

The final phase of the Land Use Inventory for the State of Ohio was to
develop tabular summaries of land cover for all townships and counties

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# FIGURE 15.
## LANDSAT LAND COVER MAP

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by acreage and percentage, and to develop a file management system to manipulate the data. This phase required the use of all political boundary county files and LANDSAT county area files, the OGRE program from the OCAP system, and the MARK IV information management system.

## OGRE Program

.The OGRE program was used to cross tabulate each political boundary file with its corresponding LANDSAT file. Summaries of acreage and percentage were produced for each township and county (Table 6). The output information was saved and used as input to the MARK IV system.

## MARK IV

The MARK IV File Management System, a software product of Informatics, Inc., provides an efficient and flexible means of manipulating date files, and includes such capabilities as automatic file maintenance, retrieval of specified data, computation, and report preparation.

A file structure for the land cover statistics was defined to MARK IV. (Figure 16). This definition describes the logical organization of the different data items along with their type, length and location in the file.
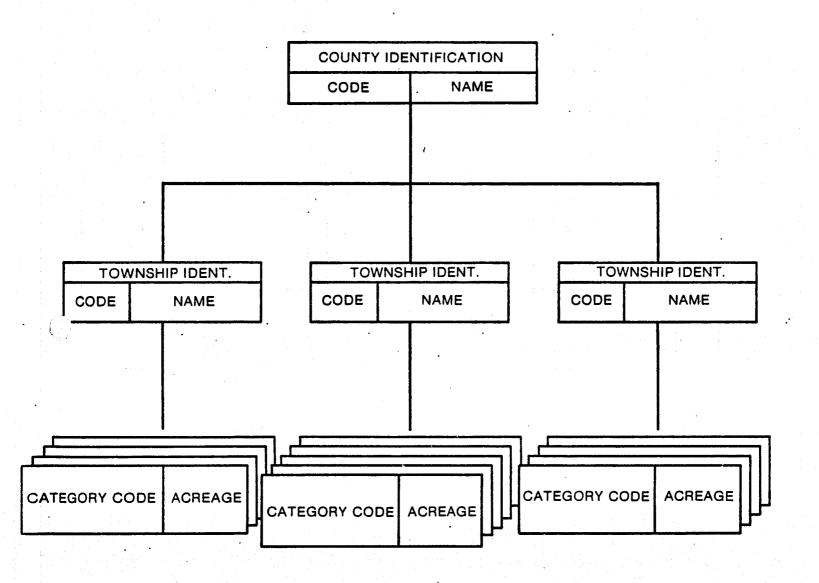
The statistics from the OGRE program were converted to MARK IV defined transactions, which were used to generate the data file. The county and township names were added later through different transactions.

Procedures for extracting, summarizing and formatting the data into different reports were written and stored in the MARK IV system. A user's manual will describe the various reports, and how to obtain them.

# TABLE 6.

## Ogre Program Output - Land Cover Summary Form
## Washington County

| ACRES | PERCENT | WASHINGTON CO LANDSAT LANDCOVER | | WASHINGTON CO POLITICAL BOU |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1005.14 | 5.01 | URBAN | RESIDENTIAL/RANGE | WASHINGTON | ADAMS |
| 4087.18 | 20.37 | AGRICULTURE | THICK VEGETATION | | |
| 155.59 | 0.78 | AGRICULTURE | THIN VEGETATION | | |
| 1504.65 | 7.50 | AGRICULTURE | BARE SOIL | | |
| 68.47 | 0.34 | RANGELAND | RECLAIMED/URBAN | | |
| 222.05 | 1.11 | RANGELAND | SCRUBLAND | | |
| 93.09 | 0.46 | RANGELAND | MEADOWS | | |
| 2488.52 | 62.23 | FORREST | MIXED | | |
| 170.51 | 0.85 | WATER | TURBID | | |
| 255.85 | 1.27 | BARREN | SAND | | |
| 15.44 | 0.08 | UNIDENTIFIED | | | |
| 0067.48 | 100.00 | TOTAL | | | |
| | | | | | |
| 684.06 | 3.37 | URBAN | RESIDENTIAL/RANGE | WASHINGTON | BARLOW |
| 5846.88 | 28.78 | AGRICULTURE | THICK VEGETATION | | |
| 402.61 | 1.98 | AGRICULTURE | THIN VEGETATION | | |
| 2087.87 | 10.28 | AGRICULTURE | BARE SOIL | | |
| 92.52 | 0.45 | RANGELAND | RECLAIMED/URBAN | | |
| 280.76 | 1.38 | RANGELAND | SCRUBLAND | | |
| 167.13 | 0.82 | RANGELAND | MEADOWS | | |
| 0717.69 | 52.76 | FORREST | MIXED | | |
| 16.01 | 0.08 | BARREN | SAND | | |
| 19.60 | 0.10 | UNIDENTIFIED | | | |
| 0314.90 | 100.00 | TOTAL | | | |
| | | | | | |
| 805.96 | 4.56 | URBAN | RESIDENTIAL/RANGE | WASHINGTON | BELPRE |
| 4334.54 | 24.56 | AGRICULTURE | THICK VEGETATION | | |
| 25.66 | 1.54 | AGRICULTURE | THIN VEGETATION | | |
| 1031.11 | 5.85 | AGRICULTURE | BARE SOIL | | |
| 152.99 | 0.92 | RANGELAND | RECLAIMED/URBAN | | |
| 332.07 | 1.88 | RANGELAND | SCRUBLAND | | |
| 124.83 | 0.71 | RANGELAND | MEADOWS | | |
| 0445.42 | 59.04 | FORREST | MIXED | | |
| 2.98 | 0.02 | WATER | TURBID | | |
| 182.68 | 1.03 | BARREN | SAND | | |
| 26.86 | 0.15 | UNIDENTIFIED | | | |
| 7692.88 | 100.00 | TOTAL | | | |
| | | | | | |
| 667.64 | 2.97 | URBAN | RESIDENTIAL/RANGE | WASHINGTON | DECATUR |
| 2824.78 | 12.55 | AGRICULTURE | THICK VEGETATION | | |
| 157.71 | 0.70 | AGRICULTURE | THIN VEGETATION | | |
| 1246.15 | 5.55 | AGRICULTURE | BARE SOIL | | |
| 19.92 | 0.09 | RANGELAND | RECLAIMED/URBAN | | |
| 116.68 | 0.52 | RANGELAND | SCRUBLAND | | |
| 51.65 | 0.23 | RANGELAND | MEADOWS | | |
| 7384.19 | 77.30 | FORREST | MIXED | | |
| 15.61 | 0.07 | BARREN | SAND | | |
| 2.30 | 0.01 | UNIDENTIFIED | | | |
| 2486.62 | 100.00 | TOTAL | | | |
| | | | | | |
| 527.15 | 3.50 | URBAN | RESIDENTIAL/RANGE | WASHINGTON | DUNHAM |
| 2877.81 | 19.11 | AGRICULTURE | THICK VEGETATION | | |
| 140.04 | 0.93 | AGRICULTURE | THIN VEGETATION | | |
| 1117.65 | 7.42 | AGRICULTURE | BARE SOIL | | |
| 37.37 | 0.26 | RANGELAND | RECLAIMED/URBAN | | |
| 12.92 | 0.84 | RANGELAND | SCRUBLAND | | |
| 10.90 | 0.07 | RANGELAND | MEADOWS | | |
| 0005.68 | 66.85 | FORREST | MIXED | | |
| 65.13 | 0.42 | WATER | TURBID | | |
| 52.23 | 0.35 | BARREN | SAND | | |
| 38.45 | 0.26 | UNIDENTIFIED | | | |
| 5058.52 | 100.00 | TOTAL | | | |

FIGURE 16.
**LANDSAT STATISTICS FILE:**
**LOGICAL RECORD FORMAT**

## VERIFICATION AND EVALUATION OF INVENTORY

Upon completion of the Land Use Inventory, a verification program was undertaken to determine the accuracy of categorization. Two independent efforts are reported here. First reported is that of the State, and the second is an effort by an RPDO (Regional Planning and Development Organization). The RPDO effort was funded by a HUD 701 grant.

### Verification System Used by State

Ninety-four quadrangles were chosen on the basis of total or partial aerial photographic coverage within two years of the date of the LANDSAT imagery. They were also chosen so that the percentage of quads verified in each scene was approximately equal to the percentage of quads verified for the entire state (12%). The quads chosen for verification are indicated in Figure 17, and the percentage per scene in Table 7.

A quad-size mylar grid was prepared to use in determining 10 random points to be sampled from each map. The grid was comprised of 100 cells each with a dot at its center.

Numbers from one to ten were randomly selected for the X & Y axes of the grid to determine which 10 points would be used. The coordinates were recorded on the "LANDSAT Verificaiton Form" (Figure 18). The procedure was repeated for each of the selected 94 quads.

Each quad was placed over the mylar grid on a light table, and the rectangle indicated by the coordinates on the verification form was located, and the dot in the center was transferred to the quadrangle.

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# FIGURE 17.
## QUADRANGLES CHOSEN FOR
## VERIFICATION

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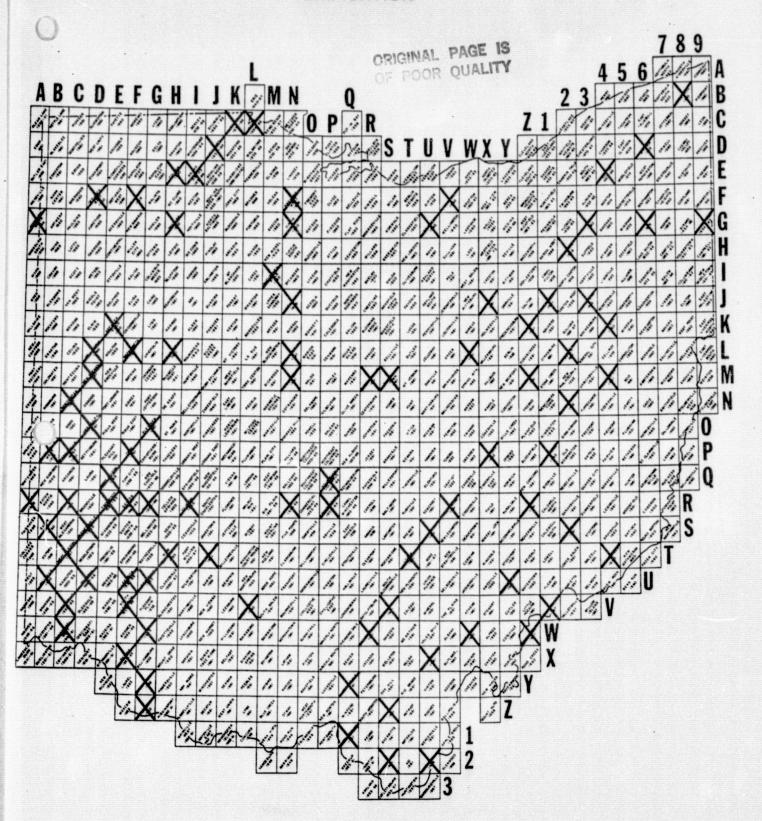
## TABLE 7

### Summary of Quads Verified Per Scene

| SCENE NUMBER | TOTAL IN SCENE | QUADS CHOSEN FOR VERIFICATION | PERCENT OF TOTAL IN SCENE |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2190-15410 | 66 | 8 | 12 |
| 2189-15352 | 42 | 4 | 10 |
| 2439-15195 | 46 | 6 | 13 |
| 2439-15204 | 45 | 5 | 11 |
| 2440-15262 | 73 | 10 | 14 |
| 2441-15320 | 106 | 17 | 16 |
| 2442-15372 | 30 | 4 | 13 |
| 2189-15355 | 121 | 18 | 15 |
| 2188-15300 | 191 | 22 | 12 |
| 2439-15201[1] | 47 | -- | -- |
| 2278-15283[1] | 24 | -- | -- |

1.  Scenes 2278-15283 and 2439-15201 were contained, either in whole or part, on Tapes 11 and 19 which as previously discussed were not used because of bad or missing data.

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# FIGURE 18.
## OHIO LAND USE INVENTORY
## VERIFICATION FORM

Tape 12

SCENE  2189-15355

SCENE DATE July 30, 1975

QUAD NAME  Nevada          CODE  NJ     INTERPRETER  Groves & Weber     DATE  Aptil 13, 1977

| SAMPLE | COORDINATES X | COORDINATES Y | LANDSAT ID | GROUND TRUTH ID | COMMENTS | CORRECTNESS OF LANDSAT ID YES | CORRECTNESS OF LANDSAT ID NO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | 4 | 34 | 23 | bare soil/thin veg | | X |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | 41 | 41 | all forest | X | |
| 3 | 2 | 3 | 22 | 22 | agri/forest/water | X | |
| 4 | 4 | 1 | 21 | 22 | agri | X | |
| 5 | 3 | 1 | 41 | 41 | mostly all agri/a little forest | X | |
| 6 | 9 | 2 | 12 | 22 | agri | | X |
| 7 | 2 | 7 | 22 | 22 | agri | X | |
| 8 | 10 | 1 | 22 | 22 | all agri | X | |
| 9 | 9 | 1 | 41 | 41 | scrub/agri/forest | X | |
| 10 | 6 | 2 | 22 | 22 | agri | X | |

SOURCE OF GROUND TRUTH:
IF THE SOURCE IS PHOTOGRAPHY, INDICATE IN ORDER THE FOLLOWING DATA

TOTAL CORRECT   8

TOTAL INCORRECT   2

| SOURCE | TAKING AGENCY | FILM TYPE | FLIGHT NO. | DATE | FRAMES |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | ODNR | B&W | 752090202 | 7-28-75 | 34 |
| 2 | | | | | 31 |
| 3 | | | | | 32 |
| 4 | | | | | 25 |
| 5 | | | | | 26 |
| 6 | | | | | 9 |
| 7 | | | | | 13 |
| 8 | | | | | 7 |
| 9 | | | | | 7 |
| 10 | | | | | 014 |

To make certain that the categorization was being verified, and not the accuracy of aligning the quadrangle map and LANDSAT map, three people independently aligned ten maps and recorded their points of alignment. The maximum displacement of the points of alignment became the radius of an are surrounding each point.

Each sample point and its corresponding area of displacement was located on aerial photography, and the land uses within that area were determined. If the LANDSAT land use matched any of these land uses, it was considered correct, and indicated on the verification form.

## Results of State Verification

The following is a discussion of the verification results by category:

### URBAN

Urban areas are difficult to identify when the computer is classifying the LANDSAT data. The computer constantly compares the data to the training sets mentioned above, and faithfully labels land cover within an urban area as the land cover which it was trained to identify: agriculture, forest, rangeland, etc. As seen from the definition of the training sets used in the urban areas, an attempt was made to pick out training areas in the central business and industrial (Core), Residential and Suburban/Agriculture areas with the idea that each of these areas would have a unique spectral response just as Forests, Barren, and the others. By looking at Table 8, we find category 11 (Urban, Core), was indeed identifiable as a separate land cover, as - to a lesser extent - was category 12 (Urban, Residential). However, some urban areas and some agricultural areas are

# TABLE 8.

## LAND USE/LAND COVER CATEGORIES AND CODES *

| CATEGORIES | | CODES |
|---|---|---|
| **LEVEL 1 \*\*** | **LEVEL 11 \*\*** | |
| **Urban** | | 01 |
| | Core | 011 |
| | Residential | 012 |
| | Suburgan/Agriculture | 013 |
| **Agriculture** | | 02 |
| | Vigorous Growth | 021 |
| | Medium-Sparse Growth | 022 |
| | Bare Fields | 023 |
| | Pasture | 024 |
| **Rangeland** | | 03 |
| | Reclaimed/Urban | 031 |
| | Scrub & Brush | 032 |
| | Herbaceous | 033 |
| | Grass-tended | 034 |
| **Forest** | | 04 |
| | Mixed | 041 |
| **Water** | | 05 |
| | Turbid | 051 |
| | Clear | 052 |
| **Wetland** | | 06 |
| | Non-Forested | 061 |
| | Forested | 062 |
| **Barren** | | 07 |
| | Settling Pond | 071 |
| | Beaches | 072 |
| | Mines,Quarries & Gravel Pits | 073 |
| | Stripped/Bare | 074 |
| | Stripped/Urban | 075 |

Unidentified

\*  See definitions Appendix I
\*\* Level I categories are very general
   Level II categories are subdivisions of
          Level I categories and are more specific.

TABLE 9

## DISTRIBUTION OF INCORRECT CLASSIFICATIONS

| LAND USE/COVER | % INCORRECT | URBAN | AGRICULTURE | RANGELAND | FOREST | WATER | WETLAND | BARREN | UNCATEGORIZED |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1. Urban** | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 Core | 6 | | 100 | | | | | | |
| 12 Residential | 16 | | 75 | | | 25 | | | |
| 13 Suburban/Agriculture | 61 | | 52 | 13 | | 35 | | | |
| **2. Agriculture** | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 Vigorous Growth | 11 | | | 29 | 57 | | | 14 | |
| 22 Medium-Sparse Growth | 16 | 30 | | 45 | 25 | | | | |
| 23 Bare Fields | 18 | | | 50 | 50 | | | | |
| 24 Pasture | 13 | | | 100 | | | | | |
| **3 Rangeland** | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 Reclaimed/Urban | 38 | 22 | 67 | | 11 | | | | |
| 32 Scrub & Brush | 32 | 22 | 72 | | 6 | | | | |
| 33 Herbaceous | 33 | | 100 | | | | | | |
| 34 Grass-tended | 69 | 8 | 88 | | | | | 4 | |
| **.. Forest** | | | | | | | | | |
| 41 Mixed | 5 | | 91 | 9 | | | | | |
| **5. Water** | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| **6, Wetland** | 100 | | 100 | | | | | | |
| **7. Barren** | | | | | | | | | |
| 73 Mines,Quarries & Pits | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 74 Stripped/Bare | 100 | 50 | 50 | | | | | | |
| 75 Stripped/Urban | 13 | | 100 | | | | | | |
| **Unidentified** | | | | | | | | | |

NOTE: The % incorrect column indicates the percentage of points that were misclassified for the indicated Level II land cover. The next seven columns indicate the percentage of each category which contributed to the incorrect classifications, e.g., of the points identified as Grass-Tended Rangeland, 69% were not. Of that 69%, 8% of the points were actually Urban, 88% were Agriculture and the remaining 47% were Barren.

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not identifiable as separate categories, and are combined to make category 13 (Urban, Suburban/Agriculture).

The important question, therefore, is whether the Urban category can be used with any accuracy. Utilization of the Urban category depends upon the specific purpose of use. LANDSAT is not the answer for determining municipal limits. LANDSAT will, however, give information about land cover without regard to man-imposed political boundaries or urban definitions. In summer, LANDSAT will show Forest where we know there is a residential area because it cannot "see" through the lush foliage of the neighborhood trees, particularly in older, established residential areas. In newer areas of residential development, where newly-planted trees are not yet well established and do not form a broad canopy, LANDSAT may indeed detect the "urban" area.

Further investigation into the usefulness of LANDSAT in urban areas, as well as the implications of present data, are necessary but beyond the scope of this study. As far as the data presented in this inventory, the term "Urban" should be taken to mean only that area of land which is covered by a concentration of steel or concrete, such as central business districts (Urban Core), built-up industrial areas, and airfields with hard surface runways. The one exception to this general rule is residential areas within metropolitan areas, which tend to show up as "Urban" even though there may not be a large concentration of steel or concrete. This includes both the Urban (Residential) and Urban (Suburban/Agriculture) categories. Occasionally, quarries or strip mines will be identified as Urban, but should cause no great confusion since these areas are normally isolated from urban areas, and can be assumed to belong to the Barren category.

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# AGRICULTURE

According to Table 10, the identification of agricultural areas is 85% correct. As suggested by the category definitions and Table 12, the majority of agriculture identified by LANDSAT is either vigorous growth or medium to sparse growth of vegetation containing chlorophyll. As seen in Table 12 when the computer misidentified land covers as Agriculture, the two categories misidentified were Rangeland and Forest. In both of these categories there is also vigorous and medium to sparse growth with varying amounts of chlorophyll content, as in the Agriculture category. Confusion between these three categories is, therefore, to be expected, although one would expect to find that only very young, low-growing and sparse areas of forest would be misclassified as Agriculture. It is also, for purposes of this inventory, fortunate that Agriculture is the largest single land use in Ohio, because it is one of the most accurately identified categories, exceeded only by the Forest category at 95%, which itself is the second largest land cover in Ohio.

# RANGELAND

Rangeland, the tables indicate, is only correctly identified 60% of the time. The tables also show that the other 40% of the time, LANDSAT misidentifies Agriculture as Rangeland. This agrees with the discussion of Agriculture, where it was pointed out that vigorous to sparse vegetation with varying amounts of chlorophyll could include shrub, brush, and grasses, as well as agricultural crops.

# FOREST

According to the tables, the Forest category is the most accurately identified at 95% accuracy. This should not be surprising since forested areas

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present a large and uniform area to the eye of LANDSAT. Any other land cover will sharply contrast with forest cover. The only exception is very vigorous and dense agricultural growth, which accounts for 91% of the 5% misclassification of the Forest category.

## WATER

Although only eight points were randomly selected which LANDSAT identified as water, (they were all identified correctly), personal observations and other studies have proven the accuracy of the water category. There are, however, several considerations to be made. The most important is that many rivers, particularly the more narrow, will not be identified simply because they are covered by tree canopy, and therefore identified as Forest. A second consideration is that water is identified as Water whether it is found in a river, lake, quarry, construction site after a heavy rain, in the streets, on top of large industrial buildings, or wherever it collects to cover a large area. This aspect should be considered particularly if a surface water inventory is compiled from these data. One further consideration should be made, although it will not affect the statistics contained in this report. Should the occasion arise where the land use of an area is needed by quadrangle sheet rather than by township or county, all water which is shown on the quad will be included in the statistics. This means that quadrangles which include portions of Lake Erie or the Ohio River will reflect that water area in the statistics. For example, the statistics for the Cleveland North quadrangle will show that approximately 80% of the land cover is water (because that much of the quad is in Lake Erie). This would be misleading if one were interested only in the amount of inland surface

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# TABLE 10

## SUMMARY OF VERIFICATION RESULTS

| CATEGORY | TOTAL POINTS | NUMBER CORRECT | PERCENT CORRECT | PERCENT OF ALL POINTS SAMPLED | ACTUAL STATEWIDE DISTRIBUTION OF CATEGORIES |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Urban | 80 | 52 | 65 | 9 | 5.1 |
| Agriculture | 417 | 354 | 85 | 44 | 48.7 |
| Rangeland | 192 | 115 | 60 | 21 | 14.9 |
| Forest | 227 | 216 | 95 | 24 | 28.6 |
| Barren | 13 | 8 | 62 | 1 | 0.6 |
| Water | 8 | 8 | 100 | 1 | 0.9 |
| Wetland | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| Totals | 938 | 753 | 80 (All Points) | 100 | 98.8 |
| | | | | Unidentified | 1.2 |
| | | | | | 100.00 |

Note: The statistics shown in this table represent the accuracy of the computer classification when compared with the known land cover type. The system for verification is discussed in Schaal (1977).

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water, which is included in the 80%. Again, this is not the case for county and township statistics, where the land-water boundary was clearly defined to the computer.

## WETLAND

Of the total area, Wetlands are not a significant land use in Ohio, and where they occur, are identified variously as Agriculture, Rangeland, Forest and Water, depending upon how wet they are, and how much vegetation is present.

## BARREN

As with Water, the number of randomly - selected points identified by the computer as Barren is small (thirteen). Still, the implications of Table 12 are valid. This table shows that, when land covers were incorrectly identified as Barren, the land covers were actually Urban or Agriculture. The definition for Barren, Stripped/Urban explains the confusion with urban areas. Agricultural areas, although covered by crops on the aerial photography used for verification, may well have been barren, and in preparation for planting at the time of the LANDSAT imagery.

## Verification System Used by User RPDO[1]

A project team was selected from the area planning agencies (subcontractors), and an informational meeting was held which included a description of how and why the inventory was developed, a brief description of the Bendix/M-DAS system, the current status of the OSWLUI, and specific work elements within the DECD/OSWLUI Contract. While each of the participants had a strong "land use" background, they were urged, for the purposes of

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this study, to develop a "land cover" sense as well. Following this same theme, the spectral characteristics of land cover phenomena were discussed. Although new concepts and terms of land data acquisition were introduced, the participants remained open and enthusiastic.

Discussion with NASA's Land Cover Analysis, Earth Resources Branch at Goddard Space Flight Center, concerning the study produced the following guidelines in developing approaches to verification and use of OSWLUI:

1. Make initial comparison of LANDSAT data and conventional aerial photography because both techniques rely on the same media (observable photograpy);

2. Do not try for an overall land use/cover classification scheme. Rather, focus on topical studies geared to agency problems and needs, such as urban boundary change detection;

3. Look for synoptic views not specific details; and

4. Note areas of urban vegetation coverage as related to the age of housing be type/density.

A major thrust of any verification selected for this study was that it had to require a minimal amount of staff training, it must utilize existing materials and equipment, and it must produce the necessary information for establishing the data's relative reliability within the limited time frame and dollars of the contract. Given these limitations, it was not possible

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[1] RPDO Regional Planning and Development Organization.

[2] Acronym for Ohio State Wide Land Use Inventory.

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to analyze the entire NEFCO Region (2,049 sq. mi.). Therefore, a methodology was developed which would still fulfill the goals and objectives of this study. In addition, there wasn't sufficient time available to test the verification methodology. Thus, any modifications of the methodology were developed and utilized while the testing was taking place.

At the next meeting, the verification methodology was presented by NEFCO and adopted by the project team. It consists of the following: (Fig. 19)

1. Initial Overlay Procedure
    A. For each sample (test) area, following materials provided:
        1) 1":2000' Grid Overlay
        2) 1":2000' U.S.G.S. Overlay
        3) 1":2000' OSWLUI Computer Map
        4) 1":1000' Grid Overlay
        5) 1":1000' Air Photos
        6) Computer Classification/Photo Interpretation Sheet*
        7) Sample Area Reliability Sheet
    B. To insure proper registration of the base materials, NEFCO
       pin registered the 1":2000' grid overlay and the U.S.G.S.
       overlay to the OSWLUI computer map. Because a geometric
       correction was not performed in any of the 1":2000' computer
       maps (although it was done on each LANDSAT scene), the
       U.S.G.S. overlays were registered to the OSWLUI output
       by matching large bodies of water or stands of vegetation
       on each of the maps. This technique was somewhat time

*Note: Originally, there was a separate sheet for computer classification
       and for photo interpretation. These were later deemed unnecessary
       and were dropped.

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# Figure 19.



**I.**

**A.** PIN REGISTER:
1:2000 USGS
1:2000 GRID
1:2000 OSWLUI

**B.** OVERLAY GRID & USGS TO OSWLUI COMPUTER MAP

**C.** SELECT SAMPLE AREAS

**D.** ASCERTAIN EXACT LOCATION OF SELECTED SQ. MI. ON USGS & 1:1000 AIR PHOTO

**E.** REGISTER CLEAR 1:1000 GRID OVERLAY TO AIR PHOTO

**II.**

**A.** PHOTO INTERPRET SELECTED SQ. MI. & CODE RESULTS ONTO PIXEL MISCLASSIFICATION SHEET

**B.** CODE COMPUTER MAPPED DATA ONTO PIXEL MISCLASSIFICATION SHEET

**C.** NOTE FREQUENCY OF PIXEL MISCLASSIFICATIONS

**D.** EST. RELIABILITY LEVEL FOR EACH LAND COVER & EACH SAMPLE AREA

**E.** EST. RELIABILITY LEVEL FOR EACH LANDSAT SCENE, EACH COUNTY, & FOR THE REGION

**F.** EMPLOY OTHER STATISTICAL TESTING METHODS

OSWLUI VERIFICATION METHODOLOGY FLOW CHART

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consuming, and a percentage of error was possible. For example, certain quadrangles that were primarily agricultural lacked large forest stands or water bodies. In these cases, registration was based on what little forest or water areas were present, and any significant urban features that were evident (such as an interstate highway).

C. For this first phase, NEFCO selected the areas to be sampled using a random selection method. Sample areas are approximately a square mile in size and are located throughout the region. By picking the sample sites randomly, selection bias will be limited; and since the sample areas are distributed throughout the subcontractors' area, it was hoped that the full range of spectral variations for a land cover type would be tested and, therefore, a stratified sample would be obtained. While the sample sites were originally picked totally at random, as the study progressed, it was noted that too often these sites were located over two, three or more photographs. It was decided that too much distortion would be present on the photographs, and that the reliability levels produced would not be correct. Therefore, sample sites were later picked according to their spatial location within the flight line of each photo. The attempt here was to locate a sample site wholly on one photo. This revised selection method was still random in that the spatial location of the photos themselves determined whether or not a particular site could be chosen, not the Interpreter.

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D. Using the overlays and maps, NEFCO ascertained the exact location of the selected square mile sample on the 1":1000' air photos. These photos were flown by the Ohio Deaprtment of Transportation during April of 1975. While it would be best to obtain high altitude aircraft photography for a LANDSAT scene which is the same date as the satellite data, in order for the two sources to be the most similar spectrally, it was not readily available for the NEFCO Region. This fact did not present any insurmountable problems in continuing with the verification methodology as it was originally designed.

E. The next step was to register the clear 1":1000' grid overlay to the air photo. This was accomplished by first overlaying the 1":2000' grid and the U.S.G.S. overlays together and locating the sample area. Then three points were chosen. Next, the 1":1000' grid was placed over the photo in such a way that the three selected points were in the same cells as on the preceding grid.

11. Sampling Procedure

A. After locating the square mile to be tested on the aerial photo, this area was photo-interpreted onto the pixel classification sheet (Figure 20), using the categories listed below.

B. After Step A was completed, the computer mapped data for the same square mile was coded onto the same classification

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sheet. To aid in classifying the individual pixels
into the State's categories, a detailed description of
each land cover type was included in the sampling pack-
age. Bendix processed the LANDSAT imagery, and the des-
criptions were provided by them. (See Appendix A).

C. The results of the two classification modes were compared,
and any differences were noted. The attempt here was not
only to note the number of pixels that were misclassified,
but to try to detect a consistent computer classification
error, for example, Rangeland and Agriculture. Later in
this report, the highest occurring misclassifications and
correct classifications will be presented and analyzed.

D. From the above sheet, a reliability level (below) was esta-
blished for each land cover type correctly classified; and
an overall accuracy level for each square mile sample was
determined. For example; see chart shown on the following
page.

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FIGURE 20--PIXEL CLASSIFICATION SHEET

QUADRANGLE_____ SAMPLE AREA NUMBER_____ PLANNING AGENCY_____

COMPUTER CLASSIFIED / PHOTO INTERPRETED

MIS-CLASSIFIED PIXELS

TOTAL_____

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| LEVEL 1 CATEGORIES | TOTAL CORRECTLY CLASSIFIED | TOTAL PRESENT | RELIABILITY LEVEL |
|---|---|---|---|
| Urban | 50 | 75 | 67% |
| Agricultural | 145 | 200 | 73% |
| Rangeland | 25 | 50 | 50% |
| Forest | 135 | 151 | 89% |
| Water | 45 | 50 | 90% |
| Barren | 10 | 20 | 50% |
| Wetland | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| | | | |
| Total Pixels | 410 | 546 | 75% |

$$\frac{\text{Total Correctly Classified Pixels}}{\text{Total Pixels}} = \_\_\% \text{ Reliability Level}$$

OR

$$\frac{410}{546} = 75\%$$

When developing the methodology for verifying the OSWLUI, NEFCO placed emphasis on utilizing materials and equipment that most planning (or related) agencies already possessed. While there is equipment (such as the Zoom Trans-fer Scope) on the market which may have enabled NEFCO to sample more areas at a quicker rate, it was agreed that the added expense of said equipment would not have been cost-effective.

NEFCO already possessed 1":1000', 1975 air photos from ODOT for the region, and felt that they were most adequate for determining the OSWLUI's reli- ability. The pixel-grid verification strategy has been utilized success- fully in the past* . . . often the "test site" size is a function of the scale of the photography being used as ground truth. In NEFCO's case, the 1":1000' photography permitted an exact pixel-by-pixel test procedure, for those square mile sample areas. In other areas of the State, the scale of the photography may necessitate using a much larger individual

*Erb, R.B., The ERTS--1 Investigation (ER600). Volume 5: ERTS--1 Urban Land Use Analysis. Houston, Texas: Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, NASA November, 1974, 121 pp.

"cell" size for testing than NEFCO used. This will include a group of pixels rather than one.

The same procedure that NEFCO used (Figure 19) can be followed, however, by the analyst to ascertain the exact location of the test site on the aerial photography and the computer map will be different from what NEFCO used. If a different grid size is developed, it is important that it not become so large that too much data is involved for the verification to be possible or accurate.

This methodology requires a minimal amount of training, and the only experience necessary is some photo interpretive ability (although this can be easily acquired). Once the photo interpretation of the selected sample area is complete, the balance of the work can be finished by a support member of the staff, thereby freeing the professional for other duties.

It is assumed that any other agency that may verify OSWLUI for its area will have up-to-date aerial photography in its office. It is important to have aerial photography whose date is as close to the LANDSAT scene date as possible in order to have accurate ground truth. An alternative to this is field checking, although this is a very expensive endeavor when large areas are involved.

## Results of RPDO Verification

An evaluation of the data in the OSWLUI system in the NEFCO study reveals its potential value for using and improving the interpretation capability and mapping accuracy of LANDSAT satellite multispectral data. Preliminary results illustrate that some of the land use/cover patterns in the NEFCO Region have been spectrally separated from a very complex urbanizing environment. Until recently, land cover/use pattern recognition from field work and/or aerial photography has been accomplished mainly by manual, qualitative planning techniques. The introduction of automated approaches (such as OSWLUI via OCAP) has predominantly exploited the statistical nature and two-dimensional shape characteristics of LANDSAT photographic tone patterns. Such things have been useful in the military, forestry, agriculture, and other disciplines where photographic tone patterns are directly related to ground surface patterns of interest. Presently, for a given planning related problem, however, qualitative information is manually derived mainly from planning inferences drawn from pattern analysis of traditional cartographic materials, and only secondarily from tone (LANDSAT) inferences. With this in mind, the following results of the NEFCO study are presented:

### Reliability Results for the NEFCO Region

The following results, we feel, accurately reflect the relative reliability of the OSWLUI for this region. The following were considered limiting factors in the analysis of the results:

1. The degree of distortion on the photographs used for ground truth (not considered to be high);

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2. The date of the ground truth vs LANDSAT scene;

3. The proper registration of the OSWLUI computer
   map (see Verification section);

4. Environmental factors -- discussed later in this
   section.

While each of the above factors played some part in determining how
reliable a sample area may be, except for the last, none were expected to
significantly affect an are.

## TABLE 11

### OVERALL RELIABILITY FOR THE

#### NEFCO REGION

|  | Total Correctly Classified | Total Present | Reliability |
|---|---|---|---|
| Urban | 1,979 | 8,832 | 22% |
| Agricultural | 20,816 | 33,195 | 63% |
| Rangeland | 2,685 | 13,391 | 20% |
| Forest | 8,884 | 15,796 | 56% |
| Water | 278 | 679 | 41% |
| Barren | 76 | 594 | 13% |
| Wetland | 0 | 27 | 0% |
| TOTAL | 34,718 | 72,514 | 48% |

As Table 11 shows, the overall reliability level for the region is 48
percent. While this may be considered low, it should be noted that most
verification studies deal with a much smaller scale of ground truth than
was used by NEFCO. Few studies have based the reliability levels on a pixel-
by-pixel verification methodology. Most test sites are an aggregate of
different pixels, and the dominant land cover is selected to represent the

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test site. This, we feel, cannot be as accurate as a verification metho-
dology which tests each pixel within a sample area "...it is expected that
values for correct identification below 50 percent will be very common in
complex environments."[1] In total, 133 samples areas were tested (Figure 4).
This represents approximately 6 percent of the Region. The low reliability
in the urban category is not uncommon, but even if it were to be dropped from
consideration, the overall accuracy would only be improved to 51 percent.
Therefore, there are other land cover types which are contributing to the
low reliability levels. Chief among these is Rangeland. In fact, Rangeland
received the lowest reliability score of any cover type. Part of the reason
for this is the definitional question of what constitutes "rangeland" in
this part of the country. The photo-interpreter has no guidelines, for
example, of what percentage crown cover constitutes Forest and when it is
Rangeland. As will be noted in the next section, Rangeland is often misclassi-
fied with Agriculture. This may indicate the need for additional training
sites or that a similar spectral response is being received for Pasture as
for Rangeland.

Similarly, Agriculture was being misclassified with Rangeland and may have
brought down its accuracy. However, it remained overall the most reli-
able land cover type, and often scored very high in rural areas. The remain-
ing cover type that was commonly misclassified with it was Forest. One
explanation here may be that Agriculture had such a dense amount of vegetation
that it would spectrally resemble Forest. This was not expected, however.

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1 Lintz, Jr., Joseph and David S. Simonette. Remote Sensing of the Envir-
onment. Reading, Mass.: Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, Inc. 1976,
p. 453.

Forest and Agriculture, were usually the two highest scoring cover types. On some sample areas, the forested land cover response was quite accurately measured. On others it was not. This may be due to

> "the large amount of spectral variability within a deciduous forest area (e.g., sunlit versus shaded sides of tree crowns being classified into different spectral categories). It is this spectral variability within a deciduous forest area which gives the forest its textural characteristics (thereby making a forest area easily identified and delineated by the human interpreter) but which also makes accurate classification of individual small resolution elements by computer quite difficult."[2]

Water usually received a high reliability score when it was a major component of the landscape, such as a reservoir. The low reliability in interpreting water may be attributed to the fact that the "spectral response of water surfaces could vary greatly because of variations in sun angle or in levels of turbidity."[3] Again, insufficient training sites for ponds and lakes vs reservoirs may also be the case.

The most significant problem that the computer had with barren land cover is that it had trouble with the "Lime Lakes" south of Akron. These "lakes" are large expanses of industrial wastes. If a construction area was large enough, i.e., as in the case of a large subdivision, it was correctly classified.

Wetland was difficult to discern on the aerial photography, and rarely was classified by the computer. Therefore, it is only briefly treated here.

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[2]Coggeshall, M.E., R. M. Hoffer and J. S. Berkebil. A Comparison Between Digitized Color Infrared Photography and Multispectral Scanner Data Using ADP Techniques. Laboratory for Applications of Remote Sensing (LARS). Information Note #033174. Purdue Univ., West Lafayette, Ind., p. 2.
[3]Erb, R. B., The ERTS--I Investigation (ER 600). Volume 7: ERTS-1 Urban Land Use Analysis. Houston, Texas: Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, NASA Nov., 1974, 121 pp.

## Analysis of Pixel Misclassification

As a special part of the reliability study, 51 individual sample areas were selected for an analysis of pixels which are computer misclassified. They were then classified as urban, suburban or rural on the basis of the amount of land cover present on the photograph. The actual number of test sites per urban, suburban, or rural "regions" for this analysis is proportional to the percentage found in the region. For example, in this test case, 71 percent of the samples are rural; in the NEFCO Region, 77 percent of the land mass is considered rural. While a stratified sample was also considered, when doing the testing, it was determined that the relative percentages of misclassifications did not change significantly whether there were the same number of sites per "region" or not. The areas used for the analysis are identified in Appendix B.

Within the 27,846 pixels contained on the 51 photographs, 14,149 (or 51 percent) were misclassified. Table 12 indicates that the majority of problems are associated with Agriculture, Rangleland and Forest. For this sample as a whole, these categories are misclassified about 30 percent of the time. The highest individual percentage of misclassification occurs with urban areas where almost 60 percent of the pixels which are classified as Rangeland are photo interpreted as Urban. Review of the photographs . indicates that these pixles are Urban from a functional and/or locational aspect, but from a land cover point of view, are often a very low density and/or non-developed in nature.

More common to the overall NEFCO Region's suburban and rural areas, are the misclassifications in the Agriculture, Rangeland and Forest categories

## TABLE 12

## SAMPLE AREA PIXEL MISCLASSIFICATION, NEFCO REGION

### PHOTO INTERPRETATION

| | | URBAN % | AGRI-CULTURE % | RANGE LAND % | FOREST % | WATER % | BARREN % | X % | % OF TOTAL SAMPLE % | TOTAL MISCLAS-SIFIED % | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| COMPUTER CLASSIFIED | U | | 40 | 31 | 11 | 1 | 17 | 0 | 3 | 300 | Rural |
| | | | 21 | 60 | 10 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 237 | Suburban |
| | | | 11 | 63 | 7 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 14 | 216 | Urban |
| | | | 26 | 50 | 10 | 1 | 14 | 0 | 5 | 753 | Total |
| | A | 20 | | 49 | 30 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 28 | 2,818 | Rural |
| | | 33 | | 34 | 32 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 32 | 843 | Suburban |
| | | 30 | | 47 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 232 | Urban |
| | | 23 | | 45 | 30 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 28 | 3,893 | Total |
| | R | 9 | 76 | | 11 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 26 | 2,590 | Rural |
| | | 57 | 29 | | 11 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 33 | 888 | Suburban |
| | | 94 | 2 | | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 914 | Urban |
| | | 36 | 51 | | 9 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 31 | 4,392 | Total |
| | F | 4 | 68 | 27 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 3,772 | Rural |
| | | 12 | 47 | 35 | | 5 | 1 | 0 | 23 | 602 | Suburban |
| | | 39 | 6 | 56 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 18 | Urban |
| | | 6 | 65 | 28 | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 4,392 | Total |
| | W | 20 | 42 | 2 | 14 | | 2 | 0 | 1 | 50 | Rural |
| | | 55 | 0 | 36 | 0 | | 9 | 0 | 0 | 11 | Suburban |
| | | 91 | 1 | 5 | 1 | | 3 | 0 | 8 | 119 | Urban |
| | | 69 | 12 | 12 | 4 | | 3 | 0 | 1 | 180 | Total |
| | B | 16 | 61 | 15 | 8 | 0 | | 0 | 1 | 61 | Rural |
| | | 26 | 7 | 48 | 12 | 7 | | 0 | 2 | 42 | Suburban |
| | | 62 | 9 | 29 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 2 | 34 | Urban |
| | | 31 | 31 | 28 | 7 | 2 | | 0 | 1 | 137 | Total |
| | X | 4 | 78 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 4 | | 3 | 338 | Rural |
| | | 6 | 34 | 6 | 43 | 6 | 6 | | 1 | 35 | Suburban |
| | | 52 | 7 | 31 | 3 | 0 | 7 | | 2 | 29 | Urban |
| | | 8 | 69 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 4 | | 3 | 402 | Total |
| | | | | | | | | | 48% | 9,929 | Rural |
| | | | | | | | | | 49% | 2,658 | Suburban |
| | | | | | | | | | 57% | 1,562 | Urban |
| | | | | | | | | | 49% | 14,149 | Total |

*No pixels were classified as wetland in the above sample, consequently, it was not included in this table.

with relatively few problems in the categories of water, barren, or un-
identified.

## Agriculture

Table 12 illustrates that land cover is many times computer classified
as Agriculture, while it is photo interpreted as Urban, Rangeland and
Forest. The most significant problems are associated with Rural areas,
where almost 50 percent of the time, computer-classified Agriculture is
photo interpreted as Rangeland. In suburban types of environments, the
problem of Rangleland misclassification appears to be much less (34 percent).

## Rangeland

Table 12 shows that computer-classified Rangeland is actually much of the
time land cover types involving urban and agriculture land uses. In rural
areas of the NEFCO Region, over 75 percent of the computer-classified range-
land was interpreted as being in agricultural production.

## Forest

Table 12 points out that, in many cases, computer-classified forest land
cover is photo interpreted by planners as Agriculture and Rangeland. The
misclassification of Agriculture and Rangeland as Forest is most pronounced
in rural areas (70 percent) but is still fairly significant in suburban
areas (47 percent). Within urban areas, computer classified Forest cover
is interpreted as Rangeland for 56 percent of the misclassified pixels.

## Analysis by LANDSAT Scene

The NEFCO region is covered by three LANDSAT scenes. As a minor part of this report, an analysis was done of the relative benfits of one LANDSAT scene vs another. The majority of the region is covered by the July scenes. July scenes are often chosen for crop-type discrimination, but one drawback is that the tree-cover will often hide older residential neighborhoods. from the sensor, and incorrect responses will result. If an April scene is chosen, the user does not have the above problem, but crop types will naturally not be discernable and deciduous (leafless) trees will not be as spectrally obvious as in the summer months.

What is implied here, then, are the merits of temporal categorization of LANDSAT data. Although scene selection is primarily a function of the percent of cloud cover over the area in question, it has been proven that, if temporal LANDSAT data is available, reliability levels will benefit. Table 13 shows that there is little difference in the reliability levels between the April and July scenes.

The October scene's accuracy levels superficially appear to clearly be the least reliable of the three. However, this scene was over middle and upper Summit County, which is urban/suburban, and has the highest topographic changes in the region. It also was one of the hardest cloud-free scenes to obtain due in part to the pollution from the Cleveland area (indeed, recently a new LANDSAT scene for this area was chosen which may yield better results).

# TABLE 13

## OSWLUI RELIABILITY BY LANDSAT SCENE

| TOTAL CORRECT | TOTAL PRESENT | RELIABILITY |
|---|---|---|
| | October | |
| 2,491 | 7,644 | 33% |
| | April | |
| 4,970 | 9,828 | 51% |
| | July | |
| 27,257 | 55,042 | 50% |

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## CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## Conclusions

The results of the land use inventorying effort in this contract have brought this state significantly closer to the goal originally set for this program. At this point in time the state has the ability to convert processed land use information derived from LANDSAT satellites into OCAP format data files. These files may be manipulated to provide tailored land use information to a user in very economical fashion. The data base, being computerized in a system with many editing, merging and other file management tools, is a flexible and easily updatable system.

The experience learned in putting this system together will be very valuable and time saving for the next generation inventory. The inventory is in a format becoming increasingly accepted by State and Regional personnel and this factor is important to the effectiveness of an operational information system. Finally, the state now has a current, uniformly derived statewide land use inventory.

It has also become obvious that the methodology used in this work does not provide an operational land use inventory at the reliability level sought in the original goals. More effort must be made to improve the inventory based on machine processing of LANDSAT data. This was not a surprising result and in anticipation of this, other sections of this contract were devoted to pursuing methods to provide increased accuracy

through a hybrid system of methodology. These additional data processing methods would, in the final results, be made compatible with input requirements of the data base management system, which in this case is OCAP.

The system to provide land use/land cover information to users in the state is an excellent vehicle to operationalize an information system using LANDSAT data. The land use inventory is excellent because there exists an immediate need for land use information by state and regional organizations. All people do not use or need land use information; however, to obtain land use most of the generally used processing methodology for other types of information are exercised. Thus redirecting the system to produce other information types is relatively easy one the more generally and more widely used land use/land cover information system is in place.

## Recommendations

* Evaluate the present inventory thoroughly with emphasis in two areas: 1) to provide reliability factors and utilize recommendations to users; and 2) to provide information for the improvement of future inventorying programs.

* Institute a long term program (five years) to operationalize a geo referenced information system to address the information needs of HUD 701 Comprehensive Planning, EPA 208 and Coastal Zone Management. Such a program would yield better knowledge of the application of the technology in the environment of state government which is more attuned to operational programs providing services and not programs requiring the flexibility of the research environment.

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* Study and develop practical techniques and methodologies
  to build hybrid operational inventorying system utilizing
  LANDSAT data and aircraft data with both being interpreted
  manually and by machine processes.
* Study methodologies to improve the machine categorization
  of land use/land cover information.

## Cost Per Square Mile

The cost per square mile for political boundary digitizing, and file gene-
ration and report generating software - $1.00. The cost per square mile
for categorization, processing and production of the digital file tapes
was approximately $0.90 per square mile. Total cost per square mile is
$1.90.

## APPENDIX

### DEVELOPING A STATEWIDE APPROACH TO TRAINING

Early in the program, the idea of involving the end user in the training portion of the automatic categorication process seemed attractive, for the following reasons:

1. Fulfillment of the need for personnel to develop training information without expanding state staffing, and

2. To involve the potential end user in the product generation.

Several ideas were considered in arriving at the Tutorial Training Package. However, due to a limited amount of time and money, this simple approach was used.

### The Tutorial Training Package

The Tutorial Training Package was sent to a number of Regional Planning and Development Organization Offices. The RPDO's were selected because of the more probable usefulness of the inventory at the regional level, and because the RPDO's were more likely to have the required staff. A few RPDO's such as the Ohio Kentucky Indiana (OKI) RPDO's had already experienced the use of LANDSAT data, and the automatic categorization process.

Although the method was not fully developed, two RPDO's sent significant information back - OKI and the Northeast Four County Organization (NEFCO). This information was used by Bendix to assist training the processor.

The Ohio Statewide Land Use Inventory Tutorial Training Package contents are shown in Figure 1.

The Trainer Tutorial Manual gives a description of the LANDSAT program, the categorization process and the importance and characteristics of training information. The Manual is an effort to standardize the thinking about Land Use in relation to LANDSAT processing, and then to teach the trainer in a step by step fashion how to select a good training area and how to document each area for later use by the processor. By reading the manual and using the How To Train section reproduced here, the local agency produced the requested training information and returned it to the State for use in processing the LANDSAT Data.

Please note the several forms and aids that were developed to facilitate the work.

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Figure 1.

## OHIO STATEWIDE LAND USE INVENTORY

## TUTORIAL TRAINING PACKAGE

Contents of Package:

One Set  -  LANDSAT SCENE IMAGERY           One Positive Print Band 5.
                 (Scene of Interest)
                 1:1 000 000                 One Positive Print Band 7

One      -  USGS 1:1 000 000 Scale Topographic Index

              Sheet

One      -  Landsat/Topo Index Overlay (Scene of Interest)

One Pad  -  Training Area Forms

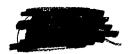Three    -  Land Use Landcover Listings

One      -  Trainer Tutorial Manual

User Provided Items:

            USGS 7.5 Minute Quads

           Aerial Photographs as Needed

HOW TO TRAIN

Ohio Statewide Land Use Inventory
Procedure for Training Area Selection and Documentation

LANDSAT Scene ID_____ - _____ Track_____ Scene_____ Date ___/___/___

STEP ONE         Use an <u>Ohio Statewide Land Use Inventory Land Use Landcover</u>
                 <u>Listing</u> to list the land cover types in your area of scene
                 which make up each land use Level 1 category.  Refer to
                 Tutorial Training Manual, section on land use categori-
                 zation.  (Pay particular attention to "spectrally different"
                 land cover types.)

STEP TWO         For <u>each</u> land cover type, listed in step one, locate an
                 area of land that is highly representative of this land
                 cover type and is large enough to contain at least thirty
                 (30) pixels.

STEP THREE       Using the Index to Topographic Maps of Ohio and the <u>Ohio</u>
                 <u>Statewide Land Use Inventory LANDSAT/Topo Index Overlay</u>
                 for the LANDSAT scene listed in the heading of this proce-
                 dure, find the 7.5 minute quadrangle for the training area
                 chosen in Step Two.  Outline the training area on the quad
                 in earasable marking (pencil, etc.) if desired.  Please
                 use four sided figure if possible to outline area.

STEP FOUR        Using the <u>Ohio Statewide Land Use Inventory Training Area</u>
                 <u>Form</u>, trace the outline of the training area onto the form
                 (use masking tape to hold form on topo sheet).  Also, add
                 a few other features such as road intersection, section
                 lines, etc., to establish location of training area.
                 (Light table helpful).

STEP FIVE        Fill in information on the Ohio Statewide Land Use Inven-
                 tory Training Area Form, including the UTM coordinates
                 nearest the training area.  Record any special comments
                 you may have about the training area.

STEP SIX         To fill in blank "NW Corner Location of CCT Data", plot
                 the location of the training area on the LANDSAT Topo
                 Index Overlay by placing the overlay on the topo index
                 sheet and approximating the location of the training area
                 within the approprate 7-1/2 minute quad.  Next, overlay
                 the LANDSAT Data Locator Grid onto the LANDSAT/Topo index
                 overlay and read the strip, sample and line numbers of the
                 nearest NW Grid intersection to the training area
                 location.  Write these numbers into the proper blanks on
                 the training area form.

STEP SEVEN       Print your name and organization on the completed form.

STEP EIGHT    When all land cover training areas are complete, make
              copies for your files and send the originals to:

              ODECD
              P. O. Box 1001
              Columbus, Ohio 43216


              Please send <u>originals</u> of:

          *   Land use land cover listing forms

          *   Training area forms

          *   LANDSAT/Topo index overlay

              (copies tend to become distorted in the copying
              process).

# U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
## LAND USE AND LAND COVER CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR USE WITH REMOTE SENSOR DATA

| LEVEL I | LEVEL II |
|---------|----------|
| 1  Urban or Built-up Land | 11  Residential |
| | 12  Commercial and Services |
| | 13  Industrial |
| | |
| 2  Agricultural Land | 21  Cropland and Pasture |
| | 22  Orchards, Groves, Vineyards, Nurseries, and Ornamental Horticultural Areas |
| | 23  Confined Feeding Operations |
| | 24  Other Agricultural Land |
| | |
| 3  Rangeland | 31  Herbaceous Rangeland |
| | 32  Shrub and Brush Rangeland |
| | 33  Mixed Rangeland |
| | |
| 4  Forest Land | 41  Deciduous Forest Land |
| | 42  Evergreen Forest Land |
| | 43  Mixed Forest Land |
| | |
| 5  Water | Water |
| | |
| 6  Wetland | 62  Nonforested Wetland |
| | |
| 7  Barren Land | 72  Beaches |
| | 73  Sandy Areas Other than Beaches |
| | 74  Bare Exposed Rock |
| | 75  Stip Mines, Quarries, and Gravel Pits |

# OHIO STATEWIDE LAND USE INVENTORY
## LAND USE LANDCOVER LISTING

LANDSAT SCENE ID  82188 - 15300 TRACK  2  SCENE  2

DATE  7 / 29 / 75

| LAND COVER COMPONENT \ LAND USE LEVEL | 01 URBAN/ BUILT UP LAND | 02 AGRICULTURAL LAND | 03 RANGE LAND | 04 FOREST LAND | 05 WATER | 06 NON FORESTED WET LAND | 07 BARREN LAND |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | COMMERCIAL | CORN | | EVERGREEN | RIVER | | |
| | INDUSTRIAL | SOYBEANS | | HARDWOOD | LAKE | | |
| | PARK | PASTURE | | MIXED | | | |
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ORGANIZATION _____
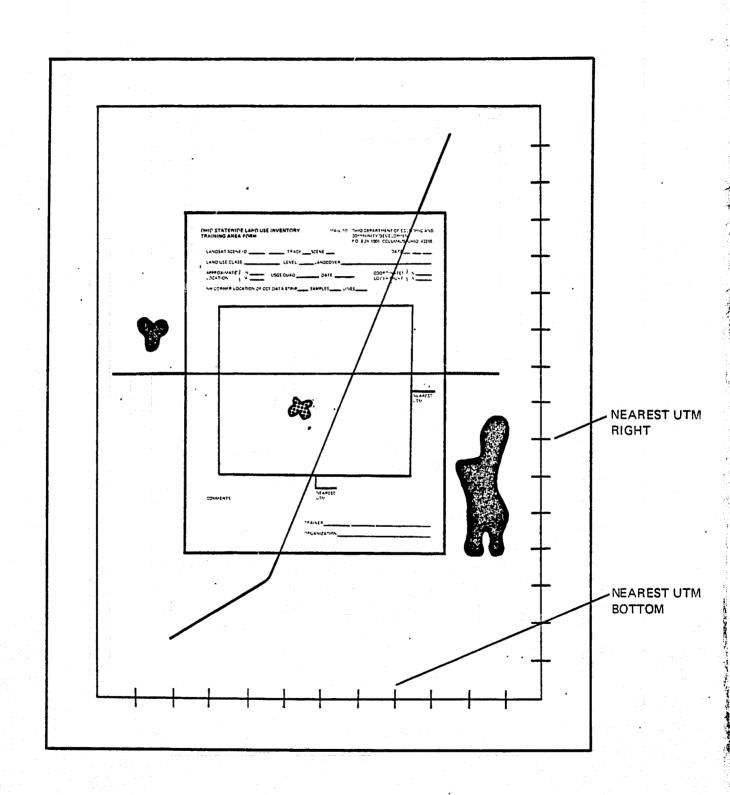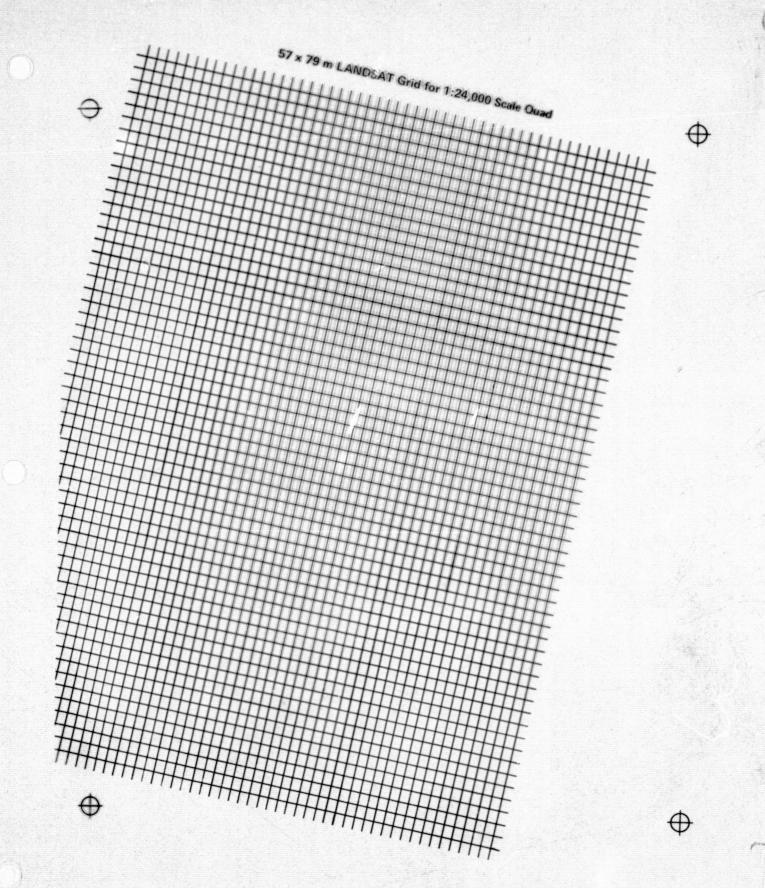
**ILLUSTRATION OF TRAINING AREA FORM ON TOPO SHEET**

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57 x 79 m LANDSAT Grid for 1:24,000 Scale Quad

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LANDSAT SCENE ID _____ · _____ TRACK\_\_\_\_SCENE \_\_\_\_ DATE\_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

LAND USE CLASS _____ (LEVEL)_____LANDCOVER_____

APPROXIMATE  N _____ ' USGS QUAD _____ (DATE)_____     COORDINATES  N _____ ,
LOCATION     W._____ ;                                          LOWER RIGHT  W _____ ;

NW CORNER LOCATION OF CCT DATA STRIP\_\_\_\_\_ SAMPLES\_\_\_\_\_ LINES\_\_\_\_\_

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AREA

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LANDSAT/TOPO INDEX
OVERLAY

LANDSAT DATA LOCATOR GRID

APPROXIMATE LOCATION
OF TRAINING AREA IN
7½ MINUTE QUAD. ON
TOPO INDEX

LOCATION IN LANDSAT CCT DATA
OF TRAINING AREA READ DIRECTLY
FROM LANDSAT DATA LOCATOR GRID

INDEX TO TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS OF OHIO

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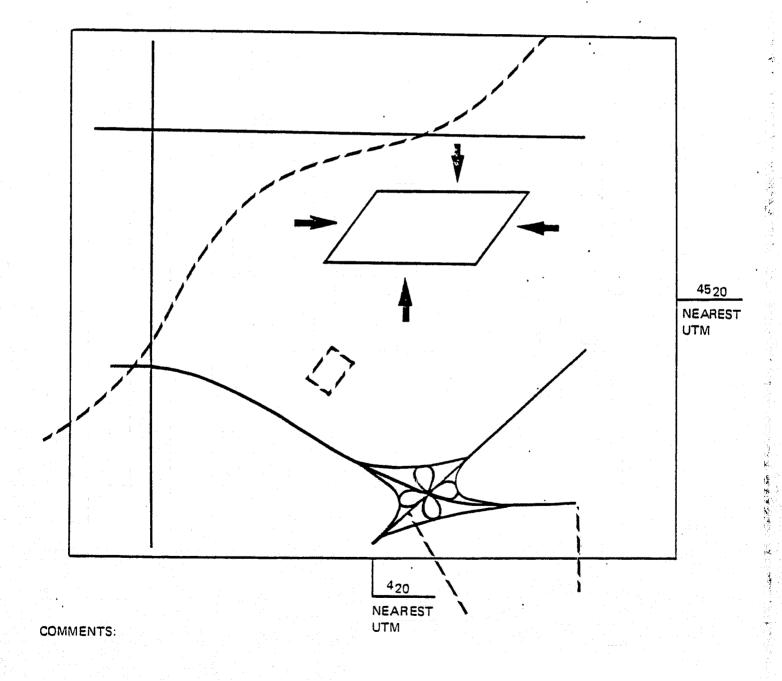
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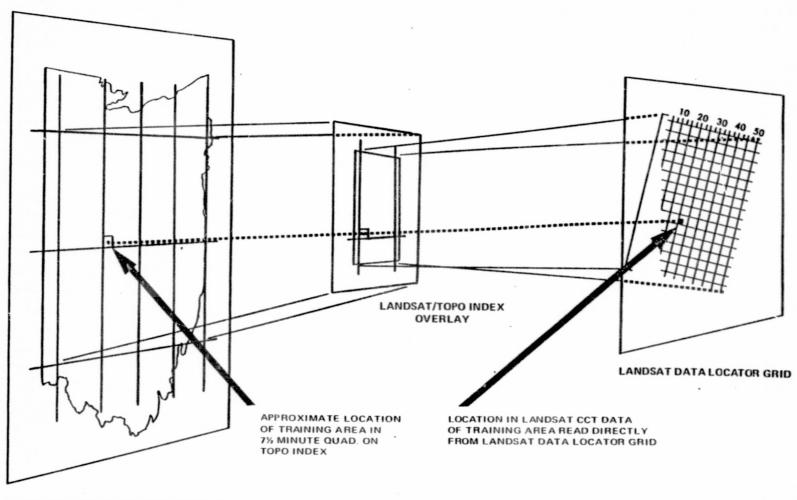FOR TRAINING AREAS

# OHIO STATEWIDE LAND USE INVENTORY
## TRAINING AREA FORM

MAIL TO: OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
P.O. BOX 1001, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43216

LANDSAT SCENE ID __8188__ - __15300__ TRACK __2__ SCENE __2__          DATE __7__ / __29__ / __75__

LAND USE CLASS __URBAN/BUILT UP__ (LEVEL) __1__ LANDCOVER __COMMERCIAL__

APPROXIMATE } N __40° 50'__,   USGS QUAD __WOOSTER__ (DATE) __1961__      COORDINATES } N __40° 45'__, 00"
LOCATION } W __81° 57'__,                                                 LOWER RIGHT } W __81° 52'__, 30"

NW CORNER LOCATION OF CCT DATA STRIP __2__ SAMPLES __750__ LINES __600__



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UTM

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NEAREST
UTM

COMMENTS:

TRAINER _____

ORGANIZATION _____

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# INTRODUCTION

This report is the final report relating to the merging of LANDSAT and Socio-Ecnomic data in an Allocation Model. The general purpose of this research is to define a set of land use models relating socio-ecnomic characteristics to change in land use as measured by tax information and interpretations of LANDSAT data provided to the State of Ohio through the statewide Land Use Inventory portion of this contract.

Specifically, this project has:

1) Reviewed the current state-of-the-art in land use modeling.

2) Reviewed and assembled available data for the land use modeling effort in Ohio.

3) Reviewed the potential for using LANDSAT statelite imagery for land use study.

4) Formulated a set of models relating to tax base in Ohio counties by type of use (residential, industrial, commercial, agricultural) to population, employment and agricultural production.

5) Prepared data, through aerial photo interpretation, to test the reliability of the LANDSAT interpretations for Ohio for use in a similar modeling framework.

6) Performed error testing of the LANDSAT data using information in Step 5.

7) Tested LANDSAT based land-use models for Ohio counties.

8) Provided a computer program and documentation for all models whose reliability was found acceptable.

Some of these tasks were performed during Phase I and Phase II of the project, and were summarized in detail in previous reports. The results[1] of these portions of the work will be summarized in the present report but not given in as great detail.

The remaining results are presented here for the first time.

Chapter I summarizes the activities and results of Phase I. This includes the initial set of socio-economic data, and the models relating tax base data as a proxy for land use to the socio-economic variables.

Chapter II provides a summary of Phase II. This includes details of the agricultural sector models, and the method of collection of data for the final phase.

Chapter III of this report details computer models which were derived and provides detailed documentation of these models. The erroranalysis of LANDSAT data is presented, along with the results of the analysis of LANDSAT land cover data as an input to land use modeling in Chapter IV. The LANDSAT data analysis has provided the opportunity for the creation of a rather generalized procedure which may be used to predict the results of modeling efforts using the various interpretation system results. The potential importance is in the evaluation of interpretation systems as to their readiness for use in modeling efforts involving socio-economic data.

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[1]
 The Ohio Land Allocation Model: Report on Phase I by Oscar Fisch and Steven Gordon and The Ohio Land Allocation Model: Report on Phase II by Oscar Fisch and Steven Gordon.

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# CHAPTER III - I

## SUMMARY OF PHASE I

A number of activities were undertaken for Phase I of the project. The first task was to review models of land use change developed for other areas. This was necessary in order to take advantage of the experiences of other researchers and to put the current modeling effort into perspective. These models are reviewed in the first section of this report.

Given an overview of land use models, the second major task was to review the data available for the current modeling effort. A number of data sources have been assessed thus far. These include data from the State Board of Tax Appeals on land parcels and assessed value in various land categories, census information, employment data, and land use information. Each of these data sources was reviewed in various parts of the report with regard to the quality, comparability, and usefulness of the data in the modeling effort.

Next, a review was made of the potential uses of LANDSAT statelite imagery in land use study. Past attempts to utilize these data were presented. The possible uses of the data in Ohio were reviewed along with some of the potential problems associated with using it in a modeling effort.

Land Use Modeling- A number of conclusions were drawn in Phase I with regard to the problems associated with past efforts at land use modeling. Foremost among these is a lack of understanding of the process of land conversion. Modeling efforts have had to depend on subjective decisions relating

to the amount of land conversion associated with the growth of industry and population. A large error is therefore introduced into the modeling process. For this reason, any future research should first identify the scale and nature of the land conversion process before proceeding to allocate actual changes in use to particular areas.

Another common defect of land conversion models is their failure to consider the complex competition among land uses in urbanizing areas. All the models allocate changes to different uses sequentiall, without regard to the interrelationships among uses. It remains impossible to completely model the complex land system. However, an effort must be made to asses the interconnections among land uses in the conversion process in several types of urban and rural areas.

The final, and perhaps most critical, problem associated with land use modeling is the very poor data base available for most areas. Each of the studies cited in Phase I notes problems with the modeling process associated specifically with the limitations of the data. These problems range from the lack of information of land use over time to problems with data on land value, population, land quality, and other socio economic variables.

Land Use Data in Ohio

Given the major problems associated with data on land use cited in other studies, the first task of the present research effort was to undertake an inventory of land use data in Ohio. In order for a predictive model of land use change to be formulated, a consistent data base must be compiled. Such a data base must be accurate, have the same land use categories, and must be compiled for most than one date.

Unfortunately, traditional land use inventories performed as a portion of the comprehensive planing process vary greatly in their accuracy, consistency, and frequency. Nevertheless, these are generally the only source of land use data available for a modeling effort. A review of all the comprehensive plans undertaken in Ohio showed that the land use data base in indeed poor. Table 1 summarizes the results of this survey.

As can been seen from the table, a large number of counties have no land use data available. Thirty-three counties are included in this category. Of the remaining counties, eight counties have land use information in map form only. The other counties have data complied on the acreage devoted to particular land uses in at least five categories - agricultural, residential, commercial, industrial, undeveloped. Only five counties have data available in more than one year or from more than one source. One can see the wide variation in the time distribution of these data.

It is evident from this review that land use inventories are not an adequate data base from which to derive a model of land use change. It is for this that LANDSAT statelite imagery is being considered for this purpose. The characteristics of this data base is given below.

## LANDSAT Data Review

One potential answer to the unavailability of land use data is the use of LANDSAT (Land Satellite) imagery of land cover. This data has been util-ized for several types of land use studies and its advantages and disadvan-tages have been delineated. According to one study,

        The advantages are:
            1. High speed processing
            2. Frequently obtained new data
            3. Unbiased and uniformly repetitive classification
            4. Production of print-out maps at a large map scale
               at relatively low cost (once the system becomes operational)

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# TABLE 1

## Land Use Inventories Available For Ohio Counties

| County Name | Land Use Data* | Date | County Name | Land Use Data* | Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adams | No data | -- | Licking | No data | -- |
| Allen | Acreage data | 1965 | Logan | Acreage data | 1968 |
| Ashland | Map only | 1972 | Lorain | Acreage data | 1957,1963 |
| Ashtabula | Acreage data | 1971 | Lucas | Acreage data | 1970 |
| Athens | Acreage data | 1969 | Madison | No data | -- |
| Auglaize | No data | -- | Mahoning | Acreage data | 1963 |
| Belmont | No data | -- | Marion | Map only | 1965 |
| Brown | No data | -- | Medina | Acreage data | 1957 |
| Butler | Acreage data | 1965 | Meigs | Acreage | 1971 |
| Carroll | Unavailable | -- | Mercer | Acreage | 1969 |
| Champaign | Acreage data | 1968 | Miami | Acreage | 1965 |
| Clark | No data | -- | Monroe | Acreage | 1972 |
| Clermont | Acreage data | 1965 | Montgomery | Acreage | 1965 |
| Clinton | No data | -- | Morgan | No data | -- |
| Columbiana | Map only | 1967 | Morrow | No data | -- |
| Coshocton | Acreage data | 1968 | Muskingum | No data | -- |
| Crawford | Acreage data | 1971 | Noble | No data | -- |
| Cuyahoga | Acreage data | 1959,1971 | Ottawa | Acreage | 1970 |
| Darke | Acreage data | 1965 | Paulding | No data | -- |
| Defiance | No data | -- | Perry | Map only | 1965 |
| Delaware | Acreage data | 1969 | Pickaway | No data | -- |
| Erie | Acreage data | 1969 | Pike | No data | -- |
| Fairfield | Acreage data | 1973 | Portage | Acreage | 1959 |
| Fayette | Acreage data | 1964 | Preble | Acreage | 1965 |
| Franklin** | Map only | 1964 | Putnam | No data | -- |
| Fulton | Acreage data | 1970 | Richland | No data | -- |
| Gallia | Acreage data | 1972 | Ross | No data | -- |
| Geauga | Acreage data | 1962,1970 | Sandusky | Acreage | 1972 |
| Greene | Acreage data | 1965 | Scioto | No data | -- |
| Guernsey | Acreage data | 1964 | Seneca | No data | -- |
| Hamilton** | Acreage data | 1965 | Shelby | No data | -- |
| Hancock | Acreage data | 1962 | Stark** | Acreage | 1962 |
| Hardin | No data | -- | Summit | Acreage | 1959 |
| Harrison | Acreage data | 1968 | Trumbull | Acreage | 1959 |
| Henry | Unavailable | -- | Tuscarawas | No data | -- |
| Highland | No data | -- | Union | Acreage | 1968 |
| Hocking | Acreage data | 1966 | Van Wert | No data | -- |
| Holmes | Acreage data | 1969 | Vinton | Acreage | 1969 |
| Huron | No data | -- | Warren | Acreage | 1965 |
| Jackson | Acreage data | 1966 | Washington | No data | -- |
| Jefferson | No data | -- | Wayne | No data | -- |
| Knox | Acreage data | 1972 | Williams | Acreage | 1965 |
| Lake | Acreage data | 1957 | Wood | Acreage | 1960 |
| Lawrence | Acreage data | 1971 | Wyandot | No data | -- |

* Data may be available compiled in statistical format (acreage type), in the form of a map, or unavailable.

** Data available from other sources.

5. The inherent digitizing of land-use data retrievable
   in virtually any form or combinations of forms.[1]

As this list of advantages states, the major benefit of LANDSAT imagery
is its repeatibility in time and space and compatibility with computer
processing. The ERTS-1 satellite passes over the United States with a fre-
quency of once in eighteen days. The cost of compiling and interpreting
the LANDSAT data available on computer compatible tapes (CCT's) compares
favorably with the cost of convential aerial photography.[2] Interpretation
of land cover is accomplished through the classification of picture ele-
ments or pixels based on multispectral data. The data on four bands of the
spectrum available from the LANDSAT satellite is first grouped using cluster
analysis. This defines groups of pixels with similar spectural signatures.
Then, through the identification of areas of known land use, each spectral
signatures is assigned a land use category. All pixels with spectral sig-
natures within a statiscally acceptable range of these values are tabulated
with the equivalent land use. Since the data is handled, analyzed, and stored
on the computer, convenient mainpulation for use in many situations is possible.

The question which must be answered with regard to the current project is
whether or not and in what way LANDSAT data can be utilized to model land
use change in Ohio.

Several studies give an indication of the potential uses of, and problems
with these data. Joyce illustrates several examples of the use of ERTS data
in land use studies one of which recorded land use changes around Washington,
D.C.[3] In addition, Joyce points out the need to tie ERTS land use data to
other socioeconomic data bases.

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Wray summarizes several project which seek to combine ERTS data, high altitude photography, and socioeconomic data bases.[4] One major project entitled the "Census Cities" Project will tie ERTS observations with data from the 1970 Census of Populaiton for several major metropolitan areas in th U.S. This information will be utilized to help monitior areas in these urban areas and should serve to aid planners in the delineation and control of urban growth.

These brief examples illustrate the great potential of ERTS imagery for the study of land use, At the present time, however, such studies are not without their technical problems. As Ellefson et al. point out above this data:

The disadvantages are:
1. The inability of the system to discriminate with con-
   sistent success between functionally dissimilar but
   spectrally similar land uses.
2. The impossibility of detecting parcel ownership.
3. Generalization be resolution element: at 80 meter
   resolution the complexity of the urban landscape
   cannot be shown fully.
4. Identifications dependent on vegetation vary seasonally.
5. Uncontrollable incidence of cloud cover.[5]

In a study using conventional interpretation methods which satellite data, Vegas showed that " ... it was found that although major categories are reasonably well defined from ERTS, a significant number of lesser features were incorrectly identified or unidentifiable."[6]

He goes on to say that

Therefore, only cells that fall upon a uniform, homogeneous area will give
representative readings. In essence, for ERTS data, any target area of less
than 79 meters (260 feet) in diameter cannot give a true representation in
its recorded signal but is averaged with the adjacent cell automatically.[7]

The higest proportion of errord were found in urban areas. It is for this reason that Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments found that "Urban land use types were similarly confused in LANDSAT categories. "[8] Due

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to the detailed land use categorization requirements of this agency, LANDSAT data had to be supplemented with aerial photo interpretation and field checks.

It is also for these reasons that Wiedel and Kleckner recommend prior ground reconnaissance and follow-up field checks and air photo checks for detailed land use studies using ERTS data.[9] Other studies using computer interpretation of ERTS data have found similar problems.[10] Certain rural and urban uses with similar spectural signatures were not distinguished from one another.

Several methods of dealing with these misclassification problems are currently being developed. One group of researchers has found that utilization of data from two contrasting seasons substantially reduces the errors in identification between urban and rural categories.[11] Another study has geographically subdivided the urban and rural areas automatically programmed two sets of allowable categories.[12] These and other techniques currently being studied promise to improve the accuracy of LANDSAT interpretation.

One additional technical problem with the utilization of ERTS data is related to the overlay of satellite images for two different years. Due to the distortion of the original data pixels and the subsequent rescanning, readjustment, and reclassification, an error in the range of $\pm 1$ pixels in ground orentation may result. [13]

Thus, there are two major types of errors which occur with LANDSAT data, errors which are due to misaligment (hereafter called Error 1) and errors due to misclassification (hereafter called Error 2). Although ERTS data offers may potential advantages, it is unclear whether or not these errors would allow one to formulate a reliable, predictive model of land use change. The first priority in the study of land use with ERTS data in Ohio must therefore be a characterization of the order of magnitude of each these errors. A quanti-

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fication of these errors will delineate the overall reliability of these data and will also serve to indicate where improvement in the techniques related to LANDSAT data analysis are required. The use of LANDSAT in the formulation of predictive land use models must await the quantification of these errors. A major goal of this project is, therefore, to quantify Error 1 and Error 2. This was a major focus of the final phase of this project.

## A Standard Set of Land Categories

A number of alternative land use classification schemes are possible. Before procedding to study land use change in Ohio, it is important to establish a standard set of land use categories. One such set has been suggested by the U.S. Geological Survey.[24]

The U.S.G.S. proposes nine "Level I" categories for use with remote sensor data. These are:

(1) Urban and Built-up Land

(2) Agricultural Land

(3) Rangeland

(4) Forest Land

(5) Water

(6) Nonforested Land

(7) Barren Land

(8) Tundra

(9) Permanent Snow and Icefields.

These categories may futher be subdivided into more specific "Level II" categories. For the purposes of the present study, the only Level I category for which a finer breakdown is required is "urban and built-up land". Changes within other categories to be used, if available, are:

Urban and Build-up Land

(1) Residential

(2) Commercial

(3) Industrial

(4) Extractive

(5) Major Transporation, Communication, and Utility Corridors

(6) Institutional

(7) Mixed Urban (urban uses not resolvable)

(8) Open Spaces and Other Urban

Also, major discernable patterns of development (e.g. strip and clustered) will be analyzed.

As previously discussed it will not be possible to accurately determine all of these categories from LANDSAT. Therefore, large scale (i.e., high resolution) aerial photography will be utilized to augment LANDSAT data in order to obtain a finer level of land use categories. The minimum urban categories which will be exarcted from aerial photographs are:

Residential

Commercial

Industrial

Major Transporation. Communication, and Utility Corridors

Undeveloped.

Data on these categories should prove adequate for all tasks undertaken in Phase II of this project.

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# THE LAND CONVERSION MODELS

The land use models derived in Phase I include models of tax assessed value in the residential, commercial, and industrial land use categories and the number of tax parcels in each of these categories the data which were input for these models are discussed below following which the statistical results of the modeling effort are given.

The quality of land use information in Ohio has already been reviewed above. Given the poor quality of such data an attempt was made to find other sources of related information in tax records. The first major source of such data which was reviewed are data available from the State Board of Tax Appeals.

One advantage to utilizing these data are their continuous availability over time. Data on assessed value for land and buildings are available for all 88 Ohio counties in five categories - residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, and mining. A model constructed from such data would be an indirect indicator of changes in land use over time. A side benefit of such a model is the potential prediction of tax base changes over time. Thus, these data from 1962, 1967, 1972, 1974, and 1975 were collected, coded and placed on computer tape. The analysis of these data are discussed below in the section on Model 2.

Another subset of tax data are available on parcels in each of the above use categories. Agricultural acreage is also given. The number of parcels are potentially more directly translatable into actual acreages. Unfortunately, these data are only available from 1967 on for 36 counties in Ohio. These counties are shown in Figure 1. These data have been coded,

FIGURE I.

MAP OF 36 COUNTIES WITH
TAX PARCEL DATA AVAILABLE

punched, and placed on computer tape. Their analysis is given under the discussion for Model 1.

Given this set of tax data, an effort was made to establish whether or not parcel data could be translated into actual land use categories. It was thought that a sample of parcel sizes could be taken in each county. This would give a mean distribution of sizes which could then be applied to the parcel data to transform it into actual acreages. Thus, an investigation was made of the manner in which data on tax parcels is stored by county tax authorities. It was found that simpling of the tax records could give an indication of actual acreage in each tax category. A sampling program for three counties in Ohio was carried out during Phase II of the project and is summarized in Chapter II.

One idiosyncrasy of the tax board data is the categorization of land uses. For tax purposes, a residential parcel is only one with fewer than six units. All other, larger residential units are classified as commercial. Again, an investigation was made into potential methods of subdividing the commercial category and residential components. One source of information investigated was census data on multiple housing units. It was found that the census categorizes multiple units of five or more. This of course, does not correspond to the six or more. This of course, does not correspond to the six or more categorizations made for tax purposes. Similarly, building inspections are carried out for buildings with four or more units making use of this data impossible. Thus, the tax data had to be utilized in the models in their present, unadjusted format.

The next major data base investigated was census materials. The Censuses of Business, Retail Trade, Wholesale Trade, and Manufacturers were carried out in 1967 and 1972. Data included employment and output by industry by county. Here, it was found that due to rules on disclosure on information,

many pieces of data were missing, even at two digit SIC code level for counties. THis makes utilization of this data base very difficult.

Another census related data source which has been investigated is County Business Patterns. This publication is annual and presents data on employment by industry by county. Although there is less missing data, the problem with County Business Patterns is that the most current information is for 1973.

Thus, the next source of economic data investigated was information on employees covered by unemployment insurance available from the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services. The major advantages of these data is their availability on an annual basis through 1975. This represents the most current set of information. Correspondence between covered and non-covered employees is good except for government workers. This is illustrated by Table 2.

These data have been assembled for 1962, 1967, 1972, 1973, 1974 and 1975. Coupled with 1972 and 1973, estimates of population by the Bureau of the Census, this information has been used to assemble an economic profile of Ohio. In this way, one can see those areas where the most land use changes are probably occurring. Tables 3 to 7 summarize the analysis of these data. Counties were ranked based on the changes in total employment, employment in each category, population, and overall change for the period in question.

These tables illustrate a number of trends in Ohio's economy and population. First, one cna see that the largest amount of growth is concentrated in and around the largest SMSA's - Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Toledo.

Two counties, Cuyahga and Hamilton, had large gains in employment and small gains in population. In constrast, surrounding counties experienced a large amount of population growth. This illustrates the effect of commuting and suburbanization. Finally, it should be noted that service, financial, and trade employment, the non-basic industries, were the largest gainers in the

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TABLE 2

Difference between Covered Employment and Total Employment in Ohio, 1973.[a]

Employment (1000's)

| Sector | Total | Covered | Difference | % Difference |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total | 4112 | 3503 | 609 | 14.8 |
| Mining | 23 | 23 | 0 | 0 |
| Contract Construction | 167 | 168 | -1 | -0.6 |
| Manufacturing | 1422 | 1424 | -2 | -0.1 |
| Transp. & Util. | 224 | 190 | 34 | 15.2 |
| Wholesale & Retail | 857 | 853 | 4 | 0.5 |
| Finance | 174 | 168 | 6 | 3.4 |
| Services | 648 | 553 | 95 | 14.7 |
| Government | 596 | 115 | 481 | 80.7 |
| Total w/o Govt. | 3516 | 3388 | 128 | 3.6 |

[a]Employment covered by unemployment insurance. Data from Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, 1973. Total employment data from the Statistical Abstract of the United States, U.S. Dept. Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Table 565, p. 346.

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TABLE 3

ECONOMIC PROFILE OF OHIO:

VARIABLE NAMES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TOT-72 | 1972 | |
| TOT-74 | 1974 | TOTAL EMPLOYMENT |
| DEL-TOT | Change in | |
| | | |
| POP-72 | 1972 | |
| POP-73 | 1973 | POPULATION |
| DEL-POP | Change in | |
| | | |
| E01-72 | 1972 | |
| E01-74 | 1974 | MINING EMPLOYMENT |
| DEL-01 | Change in | |
| | | |
| E02-72 | 1972 | |
| E02-74 | 1974 | CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT |
| DEL-02 | Change in | |
| | | |
| E03-72 | 1972 | |
| E03-74 | 1974 | MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT |
| DEL-03 | Change in | |
| | | |
| E04-72 | 1972 | |
| E04-74 | 1974 | TRANSPORATION & UTILITIES EMPLOYMENT |
| DEL-04 | Change in | |

TABLE 3 (Continued)

ECONOMIC PROFILE OF OHIO:

VARIABLE NAMES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| E05-72 | 1972 | |
| E05-74 | 1974 | WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE EMPLOYMENT |
| DEL-05 | Change in | |
| | | |
| E06-72 | 1972 | |
| E06-74 | 1974 | FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE EMPLOYMENT |
| DEL-06 | Change in | |
| | | |
| E07-72 | 1972 | |
| E07-74 | 1974 | SERVICES EMPLOYMENT |
| DEL-07 | Change in | |

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# TABLE 4

## SUMMARY STATISTICS, ECONOMIC PROFILE OF OHIO

S T A T I S T I C A L   A N A L Y S I S   S Y S T E M

| VARIABLE | N | MEAN | STANDARD DEV | VARIANCE | SUM | CORRECTED SS | LOW | HIGH | C.V. % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOT_72 | 88 | 37580.227273 | 88798.611375 | 0.798519D 10 | 3307060.0000 | 0.686012D 12 | 1360.000000 | 638427.00000 | 236.291 |
| E01_72 | 88 | 252.181818 | 530.302051 | 0.281220D 06 | 22192.0000 | 0.244662D 08 | 1.000000 | 3354.00000 | 210.286 |
| E02_72 | 88 | 1737.363636 | 4078.411242 | 0.166334D 08 | 152888.0000 | 0.144711D 10 | 19.000000 | 25208.00000 | 234.747 |
| E03_72 | 88 | 15267.215909 | 32908.921140 | 0.108287D 10 | 1343515.0000 | 0.942093D 11 | 365.000000 | 238566.00000 | 215.540 |
| E04_72 | 88 | 2116.875000 | 5755.715236 | 0.331283D 08 | 186285.0000 | 0.288216D 10 | 59.000000 | 42307.00000 | 271.897 |
| E05_72 | 88 | 9189.659091 | 23120.683325 | 0.534566D 09 | 808690.0000 | 0.465072D 11 | 187.000000 | 167919.00000 | 251.595 |
| E06_72 | 88 | 1836.977273 | 5562.158768 | 0.309376D 08 | 161654.0000 | 0.269157D 10 | 40.000000 | 38560.00000 | 302.799 |
| E07_72 | 88 | 5901.295455 | 15722.840115 | 0.247208D 09 | 519314.0000 | 0.215071D 11 | 61.000000 | 113418.00000 | 266.430 |
| E08_72 | 88 | 1172.443182 | 3414.433229 | 0.116584D 08 | 103175.0000 | 0.101428D 10 | 41.000000 | 29460.00000 | 291.224 |
| TOT_74 | 88 | 43584.818182 | 100926.068496 | 0.101861D 11 | 3835464.0000 | 0.886188D 12 | 1818.000000 | 729088.00000 | 231.562 |
| E01_74 | 88 | 270.500000 | 546.232509 | 0.298370D 06 | 23804.0000 | 0.259562D 08 | 1.000000 | 3534.00000 | 201.934 |
| E02_74 | 88 | 1814.238636 | 4094.858582 | 0.167679D 08 | 159653.0000 | 0.145880D 10 | 30.000000 | 27120.00000 | 225.707 |
| E03_74 | 88 | 16060.965909 | 33883.799296 | 0.114311D 10 | 1413365.0000 | 0.998857D 11 | 441.000000 | 246228.00000 | 210.970 |
| E04_74 | 88 | 2180.272727 | 5781.859242 | 0.334299D 08 | 191864.0000 | 0.290940D 10 | 66.000000 | 42752.00000 | 265.193 |
| E05_74 | 88 | 9830.761364 | 24506.162563 | 0.600552D 09 | 865107.0000 | 0.522480D 11 | 206.000000 | 176717.00000 | 249.280 |
| E06_74 | 88 | 1943.215909 | 5790.786449 | 0.334175D 08 | 171003.0000 | 0.290732D 10 | 42.000000 | 39358.00000 | 297.480 |
| E07_74 | 88 | 6502.681818 | 17247.625898 | 0.297481D 09 | 572236.0000 | 0.258808D 11 | 72.000000 | 124388.60000 | 265.239 |
| E08_74 | 88 | 4866.647727 | 10496.981106 | 0.110185D 09 | 428265.0000 | 0.958605D 10 | 322.000000 | 70503.00000 | 215.690 |
| POP_72 | 88 | 121845.454545 | 232327.076670 | 0.539759D 11 | 10722400.0000 | 0.469590D 13 | 10000.000000 | 1670100.00000 | 190.674 |
| POP_73 | 88 | 122089.772727 | 230214.916101 | 0.529994D 11 | 10743900.0000 | 0.461090D 13 | 10200.000000 | 1645300.00000 | 188.562 |
| DEL_08 | 88 | 3694.204545 | 8006.898631 | 0.641104D 08 | 325090.0000 | 0.557761D 10 | 277.000000 | 60002.00000 | 216.742 |
| DEL_TOT | 88 | 2310.386364 | 4397.262645 | 0.193359D 08 | 203314.0000 | 0.168222D 10 | 2.000000 | 30659.00000 | 190.326 |
| DEL_POP | 88 | 244.318182 | 3277.224013 | 0.107402D 08 | 21500.0000 | 0.934397D 09 | -24800.000000 | 9600.00000 | 1341.375 |
| DEL_01 | 88 | 18.318182 | 110.785964 | 0.122735D 05 | 1612.0000 | 0.106790D 07 | -260.000000 | 664.00000 | 604.787 |
| DEL_02 | 88 | 76.875000 | 391.947006 | 0.153622D 06 | 6765.0000 | 0.133652D 08 | -2085.000000 | 1912.00000 | 509.850 |
| DEL_03 | 88 | 793.750000 | 1511.995258 | 0.228613D 07 | 69850.0000 | 0.198893D 09 | -4243.000000 | 8281.00000 | 190.488 |
| DEL_04 | 88 | 63.397727 | 157.070636 | 0.246712D 05 | 5579.0000 | 0.214639D 07 | -718.000000 | 625.00000 | 247.754 |
| DEL_05 | 88 | 641.102273 | 1493.844912 | 0.223157D 07 | 56417.0000 | 0.194147D 09 | -98.000000 | 9013.00000 | 233.012 |
| DEL_06 | 88 | 106.238636 | 266.662212 | 0.711087D 05 | 9349.0000 | 0.619646D 07 | -35.000000 | 2083.00000 | 251.003 |
| DEL_07 | 88 | 601.386364 | 1539.232735 | 0.236924D 07 | 52922.0000 | 0.206124D 09 | -5.000000 | 10970.00000 | 255.947 |

# TABLE 5

| S | NAME | DEL_POP | DEL_TOT | DEL_01 | DEL_02 | DEL_03 | DEL_04 | DEL_05 | DEL_06 | DEL_07 | SUM |
|---|------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| 1 | ADAMS | 74.0 | 8.0 | 40.0 | 4.0 | 31 | 68.0 | 10.0 | 6.0 | 2.0 | 243.0 |
| 2 | ALLEN | 7.5 | 77.0 | 55.5 | 53.0 | 82 | 78.0 | 65.0 | 71.0 | 73.0 | 562.0 |
| 3 | ASHLAND | 38.5 | 39.0 | 63.0 | 60.0 | 54 | 50.5 | 18.0 | 2.0 | 26.0 | 351.0 |
| 4 | ASHTABULA | 10.0 | 75.0 | 70.0 | 42.5 | 80 | 42.5 | 70.5 | 49.0 | 66.0 | 505.5 |
| 5 | ATHENS | 5.0 | 13.0 | 20.0 | 12.0 | 14 | 39.5 | 23.0 | 80.0 | 14.0 | 220.5 |
| 6 | AUGLAIZE | 64.0 | 51.0 | 20.0 | 54.5 | 57 | 8.0 | 54.5 | 37.5 | 50.0 | 396.5 |
| 7 | BELMONT | 12.0 | 19.0 | 86.0 | 28.0 | 3 | 55.0 | 36.0 | 50.5 | 57.0 | 346.5 |
| 8 | BROWN | 46.0 | 15.0 | 40.0 | 17.0 | 28 | 5.0 | 25.0 | 5.0 | 20.0 | 201.0 |
| 9 | BUTLER | 86.0 | 78.0 | 51.0 | 77.0 | 76 | 85.0 | 79.0 | 83.0 | 69.0 | 683.0 |
| 10 | CARROLL | 69.5 | 26.0 | 76.0 | 29.0 | 26 | 26.0 | 42.0 | 69.0 | 9.0 | 372.5 |
| 11 | CHAMPAIGN | 64.0 | 17.0 | 40.0 | 35.0 | 21 | 24.0 | 37.0 | 21.0 | 12.0 | 271.0 |
| 12 | CLARK | 10.0 | 32.0 | 29.0 | 7.0 | 10 | 80.0 | 19.0 | 74.0 | 70.5 | 331.5 |
| 13 | CLERMONT | 83.5 | 69.0 | 40.0 | 85.0 | 49 | 69.0 | 64.0 | 56.0 | 54.0 | 569.5 |
| 14 | CLINTON | 46.0 | 44.0 | 40.0 | 66.0 | 61 | 30.0 | 34.0 | 7.0 | 3.0 | 331.0 |
| 15 | COLUMBIANA | 64.0 | 74.0 | 81.0 | 63.0 | 79 | 42.5 | 72.0 | 60.0 | 44.0 | 579.5 |
| 16 | COSHOCTON | 32.5 | 30.0 | 84.0 | 3.0 | 48 | 62.0 | 50.0 | 28.0 | 47.0 | 374.5 |
| 17 | CRAWFORD | 38.5 | 62.0 | 40.0 | 30.0 | 75 | 45.5 | 46.0 | 40.0 | 39.0 | 416.0 |
| 18 | CUYAHOGA | 1.0 | 88.0 | 7.5 | 88.0 | 87 | 84.0 | 87.0 | 86.0 | 88.0 | 616.5 |
| 19 | DARKE | 64.0 | 41.0 | 58.5 | 70.0 | 42 | 57.0 | 21.5 | 27.0 | 61.0 | 442.0 |
| 20 | DEFIANCE | 28.5 | 36.0 | 40.0 | 36.0 | 37 | 15.0 | 47.0 | 58.0 | 47.0 | 344.5 |
| 21 | DELAWARE | 82.0 | 58.0 | 70.0 | 19.0 | 56 | 61.0 | 73.0 | 67.5 | 45.0 | 531.5 |
| 22 | ERIE | 38.5 | 63.0 | 24.0 | 59.0 | 44 | 9.0 | 74.0 | 62.0 | 76.0 | 449.5 |
| 23 | FAIRFIELD | 79.5 | 56.5 | 30.0 | 67.0 | 55 | 45.5 | 59.0 | 50.5 | 64.0 | 507.0 |
| 24 | FAYETTE | 19.0 | 22.0 | 40.0 | 41.0 | 33 | 11.0 | 31.0 | 12.0 | 18.5 | 227.5 |
| 25 | FRANKLIN | 79.5 | 86.0 | 13.0 | 1.0 | 77 | 87.0 | 88.0 | 88.0 | 87.0 | 606.5 |
| 26 | FULTON | 28.5 | 38.0 | 40.0 | 74.0 | 32 | 63.5 | 52.0 | 42.0 | 23.5 | 393.5 |
| 27 | GALLIA | 38.5 | 70.0 | 14.0 | 87.0 | 8 | 3.0 | 60.0 | 46.0 | 43.0 | 369.5 |
| 28 | GEAUGA | 78.0 | 56.5 | 51.0 | 13.0 | 68 | 53.0 | 45.0 | 17.5 | 60.0 | 442.0 |
| 29 | GREENE | 64.0 | 31.0 | 58.5 | 21.5 | 45 | 7.0 | 7.5 | 21.0 | 49.0 | 304.5 |
| 30 | GUERNSEY | 28.5 | 59.0 | 1.0 | 61.0 | 73 | 19.0 | 54.5 | 3.5 | 63.0 | 362.5 |
| 31 | HAMILTON | 3.0 | 87.0 | 40.0 | 2.0 | 88 | 1.0 | 86.0 | 87.0 | 86.0 | 480.0 |
| 32 | HANCOCK | 50.0 | 54.0 | 6.0 | 10.0 | 59 | 71.5 | 67.0 | 43.5 | 62.0 | 423.0 |
| 33 | HARDIN | 46.0 | 46.0 | 11.0 | 72.0 | 64 | 28.0 | 3.0 | 31.0 | 22.0 | 323.0 |
| 34 | HARRISON | 38.5 | 5.0 | 60.5 | 31.0 | 13 | 21.0 | 21.5 | 35.0 | 1.0 | 226.5 |
| 35 | HENRY | 38.5 | 35.0 | 40.0 | 44.0 | 29 | 70.0 | 43.0 | 25.5 | 37.0 | 362.0 |
| 36 | HIGHLAND | 57.0 | 4.0 | 28.0 | 8.5 | 9 | 15.0 | 35.0 | 64.5 | 5.5 | 226.5 |
| 37 | HOCKING | 17.0 | 7.0 | 74.0 | 25.5 | 4 | 42.5 | 28.0 | 31.0 | 25.0 | 254.0 |
| 38 | HOLMES | 38.5 | 29.0 | 78.0 | 49.0 | 36 | 32.5 | 26.0 | 33.5 | 17.0 | 339.5 |
| 39 | HURON | 57.0 | 53.0 | 40.0 | 47.0 | 63 | 37.5 | 56.0 | 57.0 | 37.0 | 442.5 |
| 0 | JACKSON | 69.5 | 42.0 | 19.0 | 14.0 | 65 | 39.5 | 17.0 | 14.5 | 10.0 | 289.5 |
| 1 | JEFFERSON | 14.0 | 50.0 | 3.0 | 81.0 | 34 | 81.0 | 51.0 | 8.5 | 48.0 | 370.5 |
| 42 | KNOX | 32.5 | 18.0 | 65.5 | 52.0 | 15 | 73.0 | 30.0 | 24.0 | 41.0 | 356.0 |
| 43 | LAKE | 83.5 | 84.0 | 12.0 | 46.0 | 84 | 71.5 | 83.0 | 75.0 | 80.0 | 619.0 |
| 44 | LAWRENCE | 14.0 | 20.0 | 10.0 | 51.0 | 17 | 66.0 | 38.0 | 37.5 | 40.0 | 293.5 |
| 45 | LICKING | 28.5 | 60.0 | 7.5 | 57.0 | 46 | 50.5 | 75.0 | 64.5 | 72.0 | 461.0 |
| 46 | LOGAN | 53.5 | 47.0 | 26.0 | 54.5 | 60 | 59.5 | 33.0 | 43.5 | 29.5 | 406.5 |
| 47 | LORAIN | 85.0 | 83.0 | 60.5 | 82.0 | 85 | 79.0 | 80.0 | 73.0 | 79.0 | 706.5 |
| 48 | LUCAS | 7.5 | 81.0 | 72.0 | 86.0 | 43 | 77.0 | 79.0 | 82.0 | 85.0 | 612.5 |
| 49 | MADISON | 46.0 | 21.0 | 57.0 | 40.0 | 25 | 31.0 | 44.0 | 31.0 | 15.0 | 310.0 |
| 50 | MAHONING | 14.0 | 80.0 | 63.0 | 49.0 | 83 | 52.0 | 70.5 | 79.0 | 81.0 | 570.5 |
| 51 | MARION | 23.0 | 66.0 | 26.0 | 56.0 | 69 | 49.0 | 62.0 | 48.0 | 67.0 | 466.0 |
| 52 | MEDINA | 87.0 | 73.0 | 22.0 | 76.0 | 67 | 47.0 | 77.0 | 77.0 | 59.0 | 585.0 |
| 53 | MEIGS | 59.5 | 45.0 | 87.0 | 24.0 | 19 | 83.0 | 4.0 | 17.5 | 16.0 | 355.0 |
| 54 | MERCER | 59.5 | 48.0 | 40.0 | 65.0 | 53 | 56.0 | 48.0 | 67.5 | 33.0 | 470.0 |
| 55 | MIAMI | 64.0 | 76.0 | 26.0 | 45.0 | 81 | 4.0 | 61.0 | 70.0 | 68.0 | 495.0 |
| 56 | MONROE | 53.5 | 25 | 88.0 | 25.5 | 7 | 19.0 | 2.0 | 14.5 | 4.0 | 238.5 |
| 57 | MONTGOMERY | 2.0 | 65 | 17.0 | 5.0 | 1 | 2.0 | 85.0 | 85.0 | 83.0 | 345.0 |
| 58 | MORGAN | 19.0 | 2 | 83.0 | 15.0 | 11 | 25.0 | 5.0 | 8.5 | 7.0 | 175.5 |
| 59 | MORROW | 53.5 | 12 | 54.0 | 38.0 | 6 | 23.0 | 27.0 | 72.0 | 27.5 | 313.0 |
| 60 | MUSKINGUM | 23.0 | 49 | 87.0 | 42.5 | 35 | 82.0 | 58.0 | 25.5 | 46.0 | 443.0 |
| 61 | NOBLE | 28.5 | 14 | 20.0 | 27.0 | 30 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 12.0 | 21.0 | 164.5 |
| 62 | OTTAWA | 69.5 | 28 | 75.0 | 83.0 | 5 | 67.0 | 20.0 | 40.0 | 36.0 | 423.5 |
| 63 | PAULDING | 38.5 | 6 | 40.0 | 16.0 | 12 | 36.0 | 7.5 | 17.5 | 38.0 | 211.5 |
| 64 | PERRY | 77.0 | 9 | 77.0 | 21.5 | 20 | 15.0 | 11.0 | 12.0 | 38.0 | 261.0 |
| 65 | PICKAWAY | 50.0 | 24 | 40.0 | 11.0 | 38 | 12.5 | 39.0 | 17.5 | 18.5 | 261.5 |
| 66 | PIKE | 23.0 | 11 | 40.0 | 19.0 | 23 | 28.0 | 13.0 | 40.0 | 8.0 | 205.0 |
| 67 | PORTAGE | 76.0 | 72 | 70.0 | 23.0 | 70 | 63.5 | 66.0 | 23.5 | 75.0 | 534.0 |
| 68 | PREBLE | 16.0 | 27 | 40.0 | 37.0 | 39 | 12.5 | 32.0 | 52.5 | 13.0 | 269.0 |
| 69 | PUTNAM | 19.0 | 16 | 53.0 | 39.0 | 22 | 17.0 | 29.0 | 36.0 | 11.0 | 242.0 |
| 70 | RICHLAND | 23.0 | 1 | 15.5 | 78.0 | 2 | 75.0 | 53.0 | 79.0 | 52.0 | 375.5 |
| 71 | ROSS | 28.5 | 64 | 5.0 | 80.0 | 58 | 59.5 | 68.0 | 52.5 | 58.0 | 473.5 |
| 72 | SANDUSKY | 53.5 | 23 | 2.0 | 34.0 | 24 | 34.5 | 14.0 | 46.0 | 53.0 | 284.0 |
| 73 | SCIOTO | 10.0 | 43 | 40.0 | 19.0 | 40 | 54.0 | 57.0 | 54.0 | 55.0 | 372.0 |
| 74 | SENECA | 57.0 | 52 | 79.0 | 6.0 | 71 | 32.5 | 15.0 | 61.0 | 56.0 | 429.5 |
| 75 | SHELBY | 74.0 | 61 | 55.5 | 68.0 | 72 | 37.5 | 49.0 | 55.0 | 35.0 | 507.0 |
| 76 | STARK | 88.0 | 85 | 85.0 | 84.0 | 86 | 86.0 | 84.0 | 84.0 | 82.0 | 764.0 |
| 77 | SUMMIT | 4.0 | 82 | 65.5 | 73.0 | 79 | 76.0 | 81.0 | 41.0 | 84.0 | 544.5 |
| 78 | TRUMBULL | 6.0 | 79 | 80.0 | 79.0 | 62 | 88.0 | 82.0 | 81.0 | 74.0 | 635.0 |
| 79 | TUSCARAWAS | 74.0 | 67 | 67.5 | 71.0 | 66 | 65.0 | 69.0 | 59.0 | 65.0 | 603.5 |
| 80 | UNION | 64.0 | 33 | 4.0 | 69.0 | 50 | 22.0 | 16.0 | 46.0 | 23.5 | 327.5 |
| 1 | VAN WERT | 46.0 | 40 | 40.0 | 49.0 | 47 | 19.0 | 40.0 | 63.0 | 34.0 | 378.0 |
| 82 | VINTON | 38.5 | 3 | 15.5 | 32.5 | 18 | 34.5 | 9.0 | 10.0 | 5.5 | 166.5 |
| 83 | WARREN | 69.5 | 55 | 23.0 | 32.5 | 41 | 58.0 | 63.0 | 3.5 | 77.0 | 422.5 |
| 84 | WASHINGTON | 50.0 | 37 | 9.0 | 75.0 | 51 | 42.5 | 1.0 | 23.5 | 51.0 | 340.0 |
| 85 | WAYNE | 72.0 | 71 | 67.5 | 62.0 | 74 | 74.0 | 24.0 | 66.0 | 70.5 | 581.0 |
| 86 | WILLIAMS | 38.5 | 10 | 51.0 | 8.5 | 16 | 28.0 | 41.0 | 21.0 | 27.5 | 241.5 |
| 87 | WOOD | 81.0 | 68 | 73.0 | 64.0 | 27 | 48.0 | 76.0 | 76.0 | 74.0 | 587.0 |
| 88 | WYANDOT | 23.0 | 34 | 63.0 | 58.0 | 52 | 10.0 | 12.0 | 33.5 | 31.0 | 316.5 |

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TABLE 6

COUNTIES RANKED BY 1972 POPULATION

| OBS | NAME | SUM * |
|-----|------|-------|
| 1 | VINTON | 2.0 |
| 2 | NOBLE | 1.0 |
| 3 | MORGAN | 3.0 |
| 4 | MONROE | 11.0 |
| 5 | HARRISON | 8.5 |
| 6 | PAULDING | 6.0 |
| 7 | PIKE | 5.0 |
| 8 | MEIGS | 37.0 |
| 9 | ADAMS | 14.0 |
| 10 | HOCKING | 15.0 |
| 11 | CARROLL | 44.0 |
| 12 | WYANDOT | 26.0 |
| 13 | MORROW | 25.0 |
| 14 | HOLMES | 31.0 |
| 15 | UNION | 28.0 |
| 16 | FAYETTE | 10.0 |
| 17 | GALLIA | 41.0 |
| 18 | PERRY | 16.0 |
| 19 | JACKSON | 21.0 |
| 20 | HENRY | 39.0 |
| 21 | BROWN | 4.0 |
| 22 | MADISON | 24.0 |
| 23 | HIGHLAND | 8.5 |
| 24 | VAN WERT | 45.0 |
| 25 | CHAMPAIGN | 19.0 |
| 26 | CLINTON | 29.0 |
| 27 | HARDIN | 27.0 |
| 28 | PUTNAM | 13.0 |
| 29 | WILLIAMS | 12.0 |
| 30 | COSHOCTON | 47.0 |
| 31 | FULTON | 48.0 |
| 32 | PREBLE | 18.0 |
| 33 | LOGAN | 50.0 |
| 34 | MERCER | 63.0 |
| 35 | DEFIANCE | 33.0 |
| 36 | OTTAWA | 54.0 |
| 37 | SHELBY | 68.5 |
| 38 | GUERNSEY | 40.0 |
| 39 | AUGLAIZE | 49.0 |
| 40 | PICKAWAY | 17.0 |
| 41 | KNOX | 38.0 |
| 42 | ASHLAND | 36.0 |
| 43 | DELAWARE | 70.0 |
| 44 | DARKE | 56.5 |
| 45 | HURON | 58.0 |
| 46 | CRAWFORD | 51.0 |
| 47 | ATHENS | 7.0 |
| 48 | WASHINGTON | 32.0 |
| 49 | LAWRENCE | 22.0 |
| 50 | SENECA | 55.0 |
| 51 | ROSS | 64.0 |
| 52 | HANCOCK | 53.0 |
| 53 | SANDUSKY | 20.0 |
| 54 | GEAUGA | 56.5 |
| 55 | MARION | 62.0 |
| 56 | FAIRFIELD | 68.5 |
| 57 | ERIE | 60.0 |
| 58 | TUSCARAWAS | 80.0 |
| 59 | SCIOTO | 43.0 |
| 60 | MUSKINGUM | 59.0 |
| 61 | BELMONT | 35.0 |
| 62 | WARREN | 52.0 |
| 63 | MEDINA | 78.0 |
| 64 | MIAMI | 66.0 |
| 65 | WAYNE | 77.0 |
| 66 | WOOD | 79.0 |
| 67 | JEFFERSON | 42.0 |
| 68 | CLERMONT | 74.0 |
| 69 | ASHTABULA | 67.0 |
| 70 | ALLEN | 73.0 |
| 71 | COLUMBIANA | 76.0 |
| 72 | LICKING | 61.0 |
| 73 | GREENE | 23.0 |
| 74 | PORTAGE | 71.0 |
| 75 | RICHLAND | 46.0 |
| 76 | CLARK | 30.0 |
| 77 | LAKE | 84.0 |
| 78 | BUTLER | 66.0 |
| 79 | TRUMBULL | 85.0 |
| 80 | LORAIN | 87.0 |
| 81 | MAHONING | 75.0 |
| 82 | STARK | 88.0 |
| 83 | LUCAS | 82.0 |
| 84 | SUMMIT | 72.0 |
| 85 | MONTGOMERY | 34.0 |
| 86 | FRANKLIN | 81.0 |
| 87 | HAMILTON | 65.0 |
| 88 | CUYAHOGA | 83.0 |

*Counties are sorted by their 1972 population (column 1, OBS and NAME). They are then ranked by the sum of total change in population and all employment categories given in Table 5 (SUM).

# TABLE 7

COUNTIES RANKED BY 1972 EMPLOYMENT

| OBS | NAME | SUM * |
|-----|------|-------|
| 1 | VINTON | 2.0 |
| 2 | NOBLE | 1.0 |
| 3 | MEIGS | 37.0 |
| 4 | CARROLL | 44.0 |
| 5 | PAULDING | 6.0 |
| 6 | ADAMS | 14.0 |
| 7 | MORGAN | 3.0 |
| 8 | MORROW | 25.0 |
| 9 | BROWN | 4.0 |
| 10 | PIKE | 5.0 |
| 11 | PERRY | 16.0 |
| 12 | HOLMES | 31.0 |
| 13 | MADISON | 24.0 |
| 14 | MUNROE | 11.0 |
| 15 | PREBLE | 18.0 |
| 16 | HOCKING | 15.0 |
| 17 | JACKSON | 21.0 |
| 18 | WYANDOT | 26.0 |
| 19 | PUTNAM | 13.0 |
| 20 | FAYETTE | 10.0 |
| 21 | HARRISON | 8.5 |
| 22 | CHAMPAIGN | 19.0 |
| 23 | HIGHLAND | 8.5 |
| 24 | HARDIN | 27.0 |
| 25 | UNION | 28.0 |
| 26 | GALLIA | 41.0 |
| 27 | CLINTON | 29.0 |
| 28 | HENRY | 39.0 |
| 29 | VAN WERT | 45.0 |
| 30 | LOGAN | 50.0 |
| 31 | OTTAWA | 54.0 |
| 32 | LAWRENCE | 22.0 |
| 33 | CLERMONT | 74.0 |
| 34 | PICKAWAY | 17.0 |
| 35 | DARKE | 56.5 |
| 36 | MERCER | 63.0 |
| 37 | FULTON | 48.0 |
| 38 | KNOX | 38.0 |
| 39 | COSHOCTON | 47.0 |
| 40 | AUGLAIZE | 49.0 |
| 41 | DELAWARE | 70.0 |
| 42 | GEAUGA | 56.5 |
| 43 | GUERNSEY | 40.0 |
| 44 | WILLIAMS | 12.0 |
| 45 | WARREN | 52.0 |
| 46 | ATHENS | 7.0 |
| 47 | ROSS | 64.0 |
| 48 | DEFIANCE | 33.0 |
| 49 | ASHLAND | 36.0 |
| 50 | SHELBY | 68.5 |
| 51 | HURON | 58.0 |
| 52 | WASHINGTON | 32.0 |
| 53 | CRAWFORD | 51.0 |
| 54 | SCIOTO | 43.0 |
| 55 | SANDUSKY | 20.0 |
| 56 | BELMONT | 35.0 |
| 57 | MEDINA | 78.0 |
| 58 | GREENE | 23.0 |
| 59 | HANCOCK | 53.0 |
| 60 | FAIRFIELD | 68.5 |
| 61 | SENECA | 55.0 |
| 62 | TUSCARAWAS | 80.0 |
| 63 | MARION | 62.0 |
| 64 | MUSKINGUM | 59.0 |
| 65 | COLUMBIANA | 76.0 |
| 66 | MIAMI | 66.0 |
| 67 | JEFFERSON | 42.0 |
| 68 | ASHTABULA | 67.0 |
| 69 | WOOD | 79.0 |
| 70 | PORTAGE | 71.0 |
| 71 | WAYNE | 77.0 |
| 72 | ERIE | 60.0 |
| 73 | LICKING | 61.0 |
| 74 | ALLEN | 73.0 |
| 75 | CLARK | 30.0 |
| 76 | LAKE | 84.0 |
| 77 | RICHLAND | 46.0 |
| 78 | BUTLER | 86.0 |
| 79 | LORAIN | 87.0 |
| 80 | TRUMBULL | 85.0 |
| 81 | MAHONING | 75.0 |
| 82 | STARK | 88.0 |
| 83 | LUCAS | 82.0 |
| 84 | SUMMIT | 72.0 |
| 85 | MONTGOMERY | 34.0 |
| 86 | FRANKLIN | 81.0 |
| 87 | HAMILTON | 65.0 |
| 88 | CUYAHOGA | 93.0 |

*Counties are sorted by their 1972 employment (column 1, OBS and NAME). They are then ranked by the sum of total change in population and all employment categories given in Table 5 (SUM).

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urban counties. Based on this analysis, a sample of counties most representative of economic, population, and use change in Ohio can be drawn for the modeling effort.

One other data question which must be discussed is a method of projection for population and employment which can be used as inputs for future use of the models developed in this study. One model which has been used extensively for this purpose is the DEMOS model developed by Battelle.

The model projects population and employment by county to 1985 with a 1970 base year. The question remains whether this model is accurate enough to utilize as the basis for projections of land use change made with models developed in this accuracy is to test DEMOS projections for 1972 and 1974 against currently available data for these years.

DEMOS projections have been made for all Ohio counties for these years in order to make this test. The test was made as a part of Phase II of this project and is given as Appendix A of the Phase II report.

## General Approach to Land Conversion Modeling

Given a data base with several types of land use, economic, population, and tax data, the approach which will be taken to define models of land use change in Ohio must be delineated. We may first define a set of land use change or tax change categories:

$Y_i$ = land, category i; i = 1, 2, 3...n.

These categories are defined by the nature of land use or tax information and may include residential, commercial, industrial, etc.

We may also define a set of employment categories:

$X_j$ = employment, category j; j - 1,2, 3...m.

Employment is used as the economic indicator because it appears to be the most readily available and complete data set.

Changes in land use (or tax base) Y is then given as:

$Y_i = f_i \ (Y_k \neq i, \ X_j)$

In this equation, changes in land use for category are explained by the endogenous variables Y not equal to i (all other land use changes) and all changes in employment.

Not only will competition among uses and employment affect land use and tax structure changes, but also the absolute size of a county's employment, population, and land base will affect land conversion. They, we can define function 2:

Where:

$Y_i - f_2 \ (Y_k \neq i, \ X_j, \ Z, \ A)$

Z = total employment or population in the base year

A = total area of the county

Equation of this type can be defined using regression analysis. The advantage of this technique is the output of measures of reliability and statistical accuracy for all resultant equations.

In the sections below, results for all models are given.

## Model 1 - Tax Board Data, 36 Counties

Regression equations were defined for the 36 counties with parcel information for 1967 and 1972. The variables list is given by Table 8. Tables 9 to 11 show the intercorrelations amongst the variables used in the analysis. Here it can be seen that many variables heavily intercorrelated. Thus, several variables were summed into combined indicators to eliminate redundancy. This was done for household related employment (Tables 12 to 14 ).

Tables 15 to 22 show the results of the regression analysis. In each table, the dependent variable is given on the top of the page in capitol letters. Then, the regression coefficients are given for the indicated variables and years. The F statistic of significance is given in parentheses after each beta coefficient. At the bottom of each section of the table are given the $R^2$ statistic and the adjusted $R^2$ , $R^2$ (a). This indicates the amount of variance explained by each regression equation. The constant in each equation (c) is also given in the table. A better understanding of how to interpret each table is given on page 32, Explanation of Tables.

## Model 2 - Tax Board Data, 88 Counties

The second set of regressions were run with the assessed value of land and total assessed value for the 88 counties in Ohio, 1967, 1972, and 1967-1972.

# TABLE 8
## LIST OF VARIABLES

VAR001: COUNTY INDEX NUMBER

VAR002: POPULATION 1967

VAR003: POPULATION 1972

VAR004: TOTAL EMPLOYMENT 1967 (EXCLUDED GOVERNMENT)

VAR005: MINING EMPLOYMENT 1967

VAR006: CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT 1967

VAR007: MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT 1967

VAR008: TRANSPORTATION UTILITIES EMPLOYMENT 1967

VAR009: WHOLESALE AND RETAIL EMPLOYMENT 1967

VAR010: FINANCE INSURANCE EMPLOYMENT 1967

VAR011: SERVICE EMPLOYMENT 1967

VAR012: TOTAL EMPLOYMENT 1972 (EXCLUDED GOVERNMENT)

VAR013: MINING EMPLOYMENT 1972

VAR014: CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT 1972

VAR015: MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT 1972

VAR016: TRANSPORTATION UTILITIES EMPLOYMENT 1972

VAR017: WHOLESALE AND RETAIL EMPLOYMENT 1972

VAR018: FINANCE INSURANCE EMPLOYMENT 1972

VAR019: SERVICES EMPLOYMENT 1972

IND020: ASSESSED VALUE AGRICULTURAL LAND 1967

IND021: ASSESSED VALUE INDUSTRIAL LAND 1967

IND022: ASSESSED VALUE COMMERCIAL LAND 1967

IND023: ASSESSED VALUE RESIDENTIAL LAND 1967

IND024: ASSESSED VALUE ALL TAXABLE LAND 1967

IND025: ASSESSED VALUE AGRICULTURAL LAND 1972

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TABLE 8 (Continued)

IND026: ASSESSED VALUE INDUSTRIAL LAND 1972

IND027: ASSESSED VALUE COMMERCIAL LAND 1972

IND028: ASSESSED VALUE RESIDENTIAL LAND 1972

IND029: ASSESSED VALUE ALL TAXABLE LAND 1972

IND030: ASSESSED VALUE AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS 1967

IND031: ASSESSED VALUE INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS 1967

IND032: ASSESSED VALUE COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS 1967

IND033: ASSESSED VALUE RESIDENTIAL BUILDIGNS 1967

IND034: ASSESSED VALUE ALL TAXABLE BUILDINGS 1967

IND035: ASSESSED VALUE AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS 1972

IND036: ASSESSED VALUE INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS 1972

IND037: ASSESSED VALUE COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS 1972

IND038: ASSESSED VALUE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS 1972

IND039: ASSESSED VALUE ALL TAXABLE BUILDINGS 1972

IND060: TOTAL AG ASSESSED VALUE 1967

IND061: TOTAL IND ASSESSED VALUE 1967

IND062: TOTAL COMM ASSESSED VALUE 1967

IND063: TOTAL RES ASSESSED VALUE 1967

IND065: TOTAL AG ASSESSED VALUE 1972

IND066: TOTAL IND ASSESSED VALUE 1972

IND067: TOTAL COMM ASSESSED VALUE 1972

IND068: TOTAL RES ASSESSED VALUE 1972

V002:   DELTA POPULATION 1967-72

V004:   DELTA TOTAL EMPLOYMENT (EXCLUDED GOVERNMENT) 1967-72

V005:   DELTA MINE EMPLOYMENT 1967-72

V006:   DELTA CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT 1967-72

V007:   DELTA MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT 1967-72

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TABLE 8 (Continued)

V008:   DELTA TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYMENT 1967-72

V009:   DELTA WHOLESALE-RETAIL EMPLOYMENT 1967-72

V010:   DELTA FINANCE-INSURANCE EMPLOYMENT 1967-72

V011:   DELTA SERVICES EMPLOYMENT 1967-72

V012:   DELTA HOUSEHOLD EMPLOYMENT 1967-72

DAR012: HOUSEHOLD EMPLOYMENT 1967

DAR013: HOUSEHOLD EMPLOYMENT 1972

I020:   DELTA AG LAND VALUE 1967-72

I021:   DELTA IND LAND ASSESSED VALUE 1967-72

I022:   DELTA COMM LAND ASSESSED VALUE 1967-72

I023:   DELTA RES LAND ASSESSED VALUE 1967-72

I024:   DELTA TOTAL LAND ASSESSED VALUE 1967-72

I029:   DELTA RES AND COMM LAND A-VALUE 1967-72

I030:   DELTA AG BUILDINGS ASSESSED VALUE 1967-72

I031:   DELTA IND BUILDINGS ASSESSED VALUE 1967-72

I032:   DELTA COMM BUILDINGS ASSESSED VALUE 1967-72

I033:   DELTA RES BUILDINGS ASSESSED VALUE 1967-72

I034    DELTA TOTAL BUILDINGS ASSESSED VALUE 1967-72

I060:   DELTA TOTAL AG ASSESSED VALUE 1967-72

I061:   DELTA TOTAL IND ASSESSED VALUE 1967-72

I062:   DELTA TOTAL COMM ASSESSED VALUE 1967-72

I063:   DELTA TOTAL RES ASSESSED VALUE 1967-72

I069:   DELTA RES AND COMM TOTAL A-VALUE 1967-72

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Table 9 - Correlation Coefficients Among Change Variables 1967-72

|      | I021    | I022    | I023    |
|------|---------|---------|---------|
| I021 | 1.00000 | .89452  | .88701  |
| I022 |         | 1.00000 | .74707  |
| I023 |         |         | 1.00000 |

Table 10 - Correlation Coefficients of Change Variables with State Variables 1967

|      | VAR002 | VAR004 | VAR007 | VAR008 | VAR009 | VAR10  | VAR011 |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| I021 | .90904 | .92279 | .91420 | .91786 | .91407 | .92421 | .91996 |
| I022 | .84145 | .83399 | .80151 | .82698 | .84109 | .88617 | .86053 |
| I023 | .95904 | .96597 | .95885 | .96343 | .96550 | .93449 | .95986 |

Table11 - Correlation Coefficients of Change Variables with Change Variables 1967-72

|      | V002    | V004   | V007    | V008   | V009   | V010   | V011   |
|------|---------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| I021 | -.66230 | .71660 | -.81784 | .71611 | .81608 | .78282 | .89767 |
| I022 | -.31793 | .87747 | -.61213 | .86607 | .90241 | .86760 | .87179 |
| I023 | -.73841 | .70094 | -.91562 | .68426 | .82666 | .84528 | .94328 |

Cases: 88
All Coefficients Significance = 0.001

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## Table 12 Correlation Coefficients State Variables 1967

|        | VAR002  | VAR008  | VAR009  | VAR010   | VAR011  |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| VAR002 | 1.00000 | 0.98379 | 0.99333 | 0.96761  | 0.98997 |
| VAR008 |         | 1.00000 | 0.99373 | 0.97374  | 0.99052 |
| VAR009 |         |         | 1.00000 | 0.98129  | 0.99833 |
| VAR010 |         |         |         | 1.00000  | 0.98779 |
| VAR011 |         |         |         |          | 1.00000 |

## Table 13 Correlation Coefficients State Variables 1972

|        | VAR003  | VAR016 | VAR017 | VAR018 | VAR019 |
|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| VAR003 | 1.00000 | 0.9826 | 0.9938 | 0.9677 | 0.9919 |
| VAR016 |         | 1.0000 | 0.9921 | 0.9710 | 0.9899 |
| VAR017 |         |        | 1.0000 | 0.9825 | 0.9989 |
| VAR018 |         |        |        | 1.0000 | 0.9865 |
| VAR019 |         |        |        |        | 1.0000 |

## Table 14 Correlation Coefficients Change Variables 1967-72

|      | V008    | V009    | V010    | V011    |
|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| V008 | 1.00000 | 0.92942 | 0.89463 | 0.85984 |
| V009 |         | 1.00000 | 0.96902 | 0.95325 |
| V010 |         |         | 1.00000 | 0.94359 |
| V011 |         |         |         | 1.00000 |

Cases: 88
All Coefficients Significance = 0.001

## Explanation of Regression-Model Tables (Tables 15-38)

As indicated earlier, equations for the land conversion models can be defined by selected variables using regression analysis. Using Table 23 as an example, we can explain in more detail how one interprets each of the dependent variable, "assessed value of all taxable land for 1967 and 1972". The dependent variable is always labelled under the table number of each of the regression models.

The regression-model table contains the results of ofur statistical regression analyses. The first analysis is shown under the column heading "1967" which indicates the year of the dependent variable. The independent variable for this analysis are shown on the left-hand margin. For Table 23 "1967", the independent variables are VAR002 (1967 population), VAR007 (1967 manufacturing employment) and DAR012 (1967 household employment). The first set of numbers (i.e., 311.87, 616.22, 706.34) represents the weight of each independent variable in the regression equation. The associated number in parentheses for each independent variable is the F-statistic which indicates the statiscal significance of each independent variable in the regression equation. The regression constant, $C(10^3)$, is shown under the independent variables. Thus the regression equation for 1967 in Table 23 is

$$Y_{IND029} = 3901.23 \times 10^3 + 311.87 \ (VAR002)$$
$$+ \ 616.22 \ (VAR007) + 706.34 \ (DAR012)$$

where:

$Y_{IND029}$ = assessed value all taxable land,

VAR002 = total population 1967,

VAR007 = manufacturing employment 1967,

DAR012 = household employment 1967.

When this equation is applied to the 88 Ohio counties, 99.158% of the statistical variance in the model is explained, as indicated by the $R^2$ value.

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This example illustrates a highly predictive model. By adjusting the $R^2$ for the sample size and the number of independent variables, 99.138% of the statistical variance is explained, as indicated by the $R^2$ (a) value.

The results of this regression analysis (i.e. 1967 for Table 23) implies that if data exists for counties in Ohio in 1967 on total population and the two employment types ( manufacturing and household), one can predict greater than 99% of the time 1967 assessed value for all taxable land in the counties. Thus, the implication of the model is potential prediction of assessed value for all taxable land based on projected population and employment data.

Similarly, the regression equations for the three additional models represented in Table 23 can be constructed. These additional models are (1) a simple 1967 model with total population as the only independent variables, (2) a model for 1972 assessed value of all taxable land with three independent variables, and (3) a simple model for 1972 with total population as the only independent variable.

The interpretative procedure, as described above, may be applied similarly to the other regression-model tables presented in this report.

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## TABLE 15

### RESIDENTIAL PARCELS*

|          | 1967              | 1972               |         |
|----------|-------------------|--------------------|---------|
| VAR002   | .38724 (72.54)    | .39467 (101.91)    | VAR003  |
| DAR012   | -1.02500 (12.52)  | - .72120 (15.86)   | DAR013  |
| C        | 2252.39           | 2339.35            |         |
| $R^2$    | .99043            | .99274             |         |
| $R^2$ (a)| .99015            | .99253             |         |
| VAR002   | .22692 (2540.76   | .23963 (3131.02)   | VAR003  |
| C        | 7519.91           | 7374.84            |         |
| $R^2$    | .98679            | .98926             |         |
| Mean     | 37473.            | 38769              |         |

*Sample of 36 counties

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## TABLE 16

## COMMERCIAL PARCELS*

|  | .1967 | 1972 |  |
|---|---|---|---|
|  | .02634 (15.20) | .02087 (13.63) | VAR003 |
| VAR002 |  |  |  |
| DAR012 | -.04967 (1.33) | .01722 (0.43) | DAR013 |
| C | 313.18 | 340.80 |  |
| $R^2$ | .96905 | .98563 |  |
| $R^2(a)$ | .96814 | .98521 |  |

|  |  |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|
| DAR012 | .11748 (718.12 | .11351 (1640.24 | DAR013 |
| C | 1197.63 | 1035.94 |  |
| $R^2$ | 95479 | .97969 |  |
| Mean | 3019. | 3440. |  |

*Sample of e6 counties.

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# TABLE 17

## INDUSTRIAL PARCELS*

|  | 1967 | 1972 |  |
|---|---|---|---|
| VAR002 | .00408 (3.24) | .00305 (1.11) | VAR003 |
| VAR007 | - .01259 (.80 | --.00258 (.02) | VAR015 |
| C | 164.60 | 183.54 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| $R^2$ | .73970 | .74826 |  |
| $R^2$ | .73205 | .74086 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| VAR007 | .01260 (84.93) | .01833 (96.66) | VAR015 |
| C | 251.88 | 189.56 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| $R^2$ | .71412 | .73979 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Mean | 477 | 539. |  |

*Sample of 36 counties

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# TABLE 18

## DELTA RESIDENTIAL PARCELS 1967-72

| | |
|---|---|
| V002 | .22972 (29.69) |
| VAR002 | .01170 (22.01) |
| C | 22.08444 |

| | |
|---|---|
| $R^2$ | .47444 |
| $R^2(a)$ | .45899 |
| Mean | 1295.53 |

.VAR002    99000

| | |
|---|---|
| V002 | .12603 (1.42) |
| VAR002 | -.01052 (0.43) |
| C | 1027.917068 |

| | |
|---|---|
| $R^2$ | .0579 |
| $R^2(a)$ | .02171 |
| Mean | 769.10 |

TABLE 19

## DELTA COMMERCIAL PARCELS 1967-72

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| DARO12 | .03506 (283.86) | |
| C | -47.10469 | |
| | | |
| $R^2$ | .89304 | |
| Mean | 420.91 | |
| | | |
| VARO02 | 99000 | |
| | | |
| VO12 | .07869 | (.50) |
| C | -124.70376 | |
| | | |
| $R^2$ | .01898 | |
| Mean | -18.21 | |

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# TABLE 20

## DELTA INDUSTRIAL PARCELS 1967-72

| | |
|---|---|
| V007 | -.02060 (20.74) |
| C | 35.72305 |
| | |
| R² | .37891 |
| Mean | 62.52 |

| | |
|---|---|
| VAR002 | 99000 |
| | |
| VAR004 | .01635 (5.63) |
| C | -94.11369 |
| | |
| R² | .17791 |
| Mean | 35.07 |

TABLE 21

## DELTA PUBLIC UTILITIES PARCELS 1967-72

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| V002 | -.08740 | (5.42) |
| V004 | -.69876 | (3.43) |
| V009 | 3.04437 | (12.69) |
| VAR004 | -.020829 | (17.97) |
| V007 | -.065627 | (2.99) |
| V011 | 1.00701 | (2.59) |
| C | 838.81868 | |

| | |
|---|---|
| $R^2$ | .53520 |
| $R^2(a)$ | .45773 |
| Mean | |

VAR002   99000

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| V007 | -2.01662 | (3.70) |
| V002 | -.19752 | (6.94) |
| VAR002 | -.05081 | (3.73) |
| V011 | -.02032 | (0.00) |
| V005 | -2.24002 | (1.95) |
| V004 | .80717 | ( .82) |
| C | 1602.05829 | |

| | |
|---|---|
| $R^2$ | .78343 |
| $R^2(a)$ | .72155 |
| Mean | -313.46 |

## TABLE 22

### DELTA RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PARCELS 1967-72

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| VO12 | .32012 | (33.44) |
| VO02 | .20393 | (21.77) |
| C | 166.62244 | |

| | |
|---|---|
| $R^2$ | .50895 |
| $R^2(a)$ | .49451 |
| Mean | 1716.44 |

VAR002    99000

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| VO02 | .13494 | (1.59) |
| DAR012 | -.19329 | |
| C | 1012.97130 | |

| | |
|---|---|
| $R^2$ | .07582 |
| $R^2$ | .04028 |
| Mean | 750.89 |

Tables 23 to 38 give the results for these models. The tables are con-
structed in the same fashion as those for Model 1 above.

One can see that each of these models is very strong, explaining a minimun
of almost 90% of the variance. At this stage, it is not possible to discuss
in detail the reasons why certain variables have entered the equations.

Several additional tests of the data and equations need to be made in Phase II
in order to define a final set of tax base models. What is indicated at this
stage is the possibility of contructing very strong explanatory models of the
changes in Ohio's tax base.

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# TABLE 23

## ASSESSED VALUE ALL TAXABLE LAND

|  | 1967 |  | 1972 |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| VAR002 | 311.87 | (42.82) | 241.18 | (4.57) | VAR003 |
| VAR007 | 616.22 | (10.07) | 1396.09 | (10.44) | VAR015 |
| DAR012 | 706.34 | (7.95) | 1818.68 | (20.02) | DAR013 |
|  | 3910.23 |  | 5926.65 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $R^2$ | .99158 |  | .98487 |  |  |
| $R^2(a)$ | .99138 |  | .98452 |  |  |

| VAR002 | 514.66 | 8238.20 | 823.90 | (4216.44) | VAR003 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $C(10^3)$ | 1544.06 |  | -9123.26 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $R^2$ | .98967 |  | .98001 |  |  |

| Mean Value | 61322779. |  | 91265538. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Max | 954572500. |  |  |
| Min | 4251867. |  | 4162957. |

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# TABLE 24

## ASSESSED VALUE RESIDENTIAL LAND

|         | 1967     |           | 1972      |           |        |
|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| VAR002  | 281.07   | (134.62)  | 155.63    | (3.89)    | VAR003 |
| VAR007  | 321.24   | (10.59)   | 1432.29   | (22.46)   | VAR015 |
| DAR012  | -134.46  | (1.11)    | 794.20    | (7.80)    | DAR013 |
| C($10^3$) | -6615.45 |         | -8587.46  |           |        |
|         |          |           |           |           |        |
| $R^2$   | .99396   |           | .98181    |           |        |
| $R^2(a)$ | .99382  |           | .98138    |           |        |

|         |          |             |           |            |        |
|---------|----------|-------------|-----------|------------|--------|
| VAR002  | 309.48   | (12453.19)  | 524.62    | (3487.89)  | VAR003 |
| C($10^3$) | -6809.64 |           | -16554.28 |            |        |
|         |          |             |           |            |        |
| $R^2$   | .99314   |             | .97594    |            |        |

| Mean Value | 30993644  | 47368497  |
|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Max        | 534298875 | 952651250 |
| Min        | 593000    | 669640    |

# TABLE 25

## ASSESSED VALUE COMMERCIAL LAND

|        | 1967 | | 1972 | | |
|--------|------|------|------|------|------|
| DAR012 | 761.74 | (16.16) | 963.34 | (105.78) | DAR013 |
| VAR002 | 31.09 | (.74) | 43.34 | (2.78) | VAR003 |
| VAR007 | 83.76 | (.32) | -155.56 | (2.44) | VAR015 |
| $C(10^3)$ | -2769.09 | | 3014.81 | | |

| | | | | |
|-----------|--------|--|--------|--|
| $R^2$ | .95306 | | .98951 | |
| $R^2(a)$ | .95196 | | .98926 | |

| | | | | | |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|--------|
| DAR012 | 1042.21 | (1693.71) | 1063.58 | (7808.85) | DAR013 |
| $C(10^3)$ | -1432.76 | | 2016.91 | | |

| | | | |
|-------|--------|--|--------|
| $R^2$ | .95186 | | .98911 |

| | | |
|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Mean Value | 12652290. | 18238812 |
| Max | 327851750 | 393033937 |
| Min | 94400 | 94400. |

# TABLE 26

## ASSESSED VALUE INDUSTRIAL LAND

| | 1967 | | 1972 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DAR012 | 390.66 | (50.40 | 460.04 | (31.37) | DAR013 |
| VAR007 | 262.71 | (37.93) | 505.33 | (33.52) | VAR015 |
| VAR002 | -56.50 | (29.13) | -97.21 | | VAR003 |
| $C(10^3)$ | 599.97 | | 566.59 | | |
| | | | | | |
| $R^2$ | .94917 | | .92639 | | |
| $R^2(a)$ | .94797 | | .92466 | | |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $C(10^3)$ | | | 510.13 | (759.30) | VAR015 |
| | | | -2590.49 | | |
| $R^2$ | | | .89826 | | |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mean Value | 3142700. | 5197847. | |
| Max | 91787312. | 13082312. | |
| Min | 5130. | 34340. | |

TABLE 27

## DELTA RESIDENTIAL LAND ASSESSED VALUE 1967-72

$$(10^3)$$

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| VAR002 | .16464 | (492.08) |
| V002 | -.895555 | (40.00) |
| I020 | 1.28365 | (12.00) |
| IND020 | -.48910 | (5.97) |
| C | -3761.07 | |

| | |
|---|---|
| $R^2$ | .94862 |
| $R^2(a)$ | .94363 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Mean | 16374851. |
| Min | |
| Max | |

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# TABLE 28

## DELTA RESIDENTIAL LAND ASSESSED VALUE 1967-72

$$(10^3)$$

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| V004 | -1.66589 | (53.50) |
| VAR002 | .25494 | (777.06) |
| I020 | .88711 | (7.30) |
| IND020 | -.41250 | (4.70) |
| C | -4934.11 | |

| | |
|---|---|
| $R^2$ | .95370 |
| $R^2(a)$ | .95204 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Mean | 16374851. |
| Min | |
| Max | |

TABLE 29

DELTA INDUSTRIAL LAND ASSESSED VALUE 1967-72

$(10^3)$

| | | |
|------|---------|---------|
| V007 | .46125 | (13.39) |
| VAR007 | .05887 | (5.58) |
| IND021 | .57523 | (35.43) |
| I020 | -.06069 | (1.14) |
| C | -89.95 | |

| | |
|--------|---------|
| $R^2$ | .89605 |
| $R^2(a)$ | .89234 |

| | |
|------|---------|
| Mean | 2055146 |
| Min | |
| Max | |

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TABLE 30

## DELTA COMMERCIAL LAND ASSESSED VALUE 1967-72

(103)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| V012 | 1.37676 | (53.21) |
| DAR012 | .69014 | (33.59) |
| IND002 | -.63634 | (110.99) |
| VAR002 | -.01738 | (1.04) |
| C | -1179.52 | |

| | |
|---|---|
| $R^2$ | .92153 |
| $R^2(a)$ | .91873 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Mean | 5586520 |
| Min | |
| Max | |

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## TABLE 31

### DELTA RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL LAND ASSESSED VALUE 1967-72

$$(10^3)$$

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| DAR012 | 1.31460 | (23.57) |
| V004 | -.60024 | (5.41) |
| I020 | .78633 | (4.12) |
| IND020 | -.26005 | (1.63) |
| INd022 | .12720 | (0.60) |
| IND023 | .17469 | (3.60) |
| C | -161.73 | |

| | |
|---|---|
| $R^2$ | .91776 |
| $R^2(a)$ | .97004 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Mean | 21961372 |
| Min | |
| Max | |

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# TABLE 32

## TOTAL RESIDENTIAL ASSESSED VALUE

|  | 1967 |  | 1972 |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| VAR002 | 800.91 | (47.00) | 1045.48 | (137.11) | VAR003 |
| DAR012 | 1796.16 | (8.55) | -319.99 | (0.988) | DAR013 |
| VAR007 | 793.12 |  | 2119.45 | (38.38) | VAR015 |
| C($10^3$) | -10247.39 |  | -1487.72 |  |  |
| $R^2$ | .99067 |  | .99596 |  |  |
| $R^2$(a) | .99045 |  | .99587 |  |  |
| VAR002 | 1198.32 | (7986.63) | 1272.21 | (14314.98) | VAR003 |
| C($10^3$) | -21942.23 |  | -16219.37 |  |  |
| $R^2$ | .98935 |  | .99395 |  |  |
| Mean Value | 155396375 |  | 186115312 |  |  |
| Max |  |  |  |  |  |
| Min | 3793700 |  | 4432020 |  |  |

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# TABLE 33

## TOTAL COMMERCIAL ASSESSED VALUE

| | 1967 | | | 1972 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| VAR007 | 3650.52 | (40.78) | | -140.67 | (0.382) | VAR015 |
| VAR002 | -448.47 | (10.21) | | 198.84 | (11.21) | VAR003 |
| DAR012 | 1822.81 | (6.11) | | 1397.15 | (42.58) | DAR013 |
| C($10^3$) | 1991.86 | | | 7264.12 | | |
| $R^2$ | .89306 | | | .98750 | | |
| $R^2$(a) | .89054 | | | .98720 | | |
| | | | | 2222.99 | (5743.31) | DAR013 |
| C($10^3$) | | | | -911.74 | | |
| $R^2$ | | | | .98525 | | |
| Mean Value | 42365719 | | | 59645348 | | |
| Max | | | | | | |
| Min | 638860 | | | 648710 | | |

# TABLE 34

## TOTAL INDUSTRIAL ASSESSED VALUE

|  | 1967 | | 1972 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| VAR007 | 1452.89 | (42.16) | 1709.25 | (72.48) | VAR015 |
| DAR012 | 1126.43 | (15.23) | 475.99 | (6.34) | DAR013 |
| VAR002 | -165.37 | (9.06) | -107.92 | (4.24) | VAR003 |
| $C(10^3)$ | 4032.30 | | 2605.32 | | |
| $R^2$ | .94837 | | .96093 | | |
| $R^2(a)$ | .94715 | | .96001 | | |
| VAR007 | 1504.07 | (1323.89) | 1663.31 | (1960.11) | VAR015 |
| $C(10^3)$ | 1757.08 | | -778.20 | | |
| $R^2$ | .93900 | | .95797 | | |
| Mean Value | 25230578. | | 29808551. | | |
| Max | 507840250. | | 518877812. | | |
| Min | 88340. | | 285720. | | |

# TABLE 35

## DELTA TOTAL RESIDENTIAL ASSESSED VALUE 1967-72

$(10^3)$

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| VAR002 | .21989 | (256.09) |
| I060 | 3.45933 | (65.29) |
| IND060 | -.58045 | (6.60) |
| V002 | -.62063 | |
| C | 154168 | |

| | |
|---|---|
| $R^2$ | .87569 |
| $R^2(a)$ | .87129 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Mean | 30718944. |
| Min | |
| Max | |

# TABLE 36

## DELTA TOTAL COMMERCIAL ASSESSED VALUE 1967-72

### $(10^3)$

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| V012 | 12.61351 | (77.63) |
| V002 | 1.31763 | (10.64) |
| I060 | -1.68601 | (34.28) |
| DAR012 | 1.87392 | (12.13) |
| VAR002 | -.19966 | (12.18) |
| IND060 | .40007 | (7.01) |
| C | -2737.17 | |
| | | |
| $R^2$ | .93974 | |
| $R^2(a)$ | .93607 | |
| | | |
| Mean | 17279623. | |
| Min | | |
| Max | | |

TABLE 37

DELTA TOTAL INDUSTRIAL ASSESSED VALUE 1967-72

($10^3$)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| VAR002 | -.02170 | (2.63) |
| V002 | .48332 | (52.43) |
| VAR007 | .52989 | (26.53) |
| V007 | 1.12970 | (18.17) |
| IND060 | -.08291 | (3.00) |
| I060 | .13780 | (2.55) |
| C | 918.80 | |

| | |
|---|---|
| $R^2$ | .76963 |
| $R^2(a)$ | .75559 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Mean | 4577979. |
| Min | |
| Max | |

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TABLE 38

## DELTA RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE 1967-72

$(10^3)$

| V012 | 1.72848 | (1.75) |
|------|---------|--------|
| V002 | 3.41777 | (72.99) |
| VAR002 | .40056 | (24.53) |
| I060 | 1.85202 | (20.88) |
| IND060 | -.44851 | (4.22) |
| C | 8810.51 | |

| | |
|------|--------|
| $R^2$ | .95629 |
| $R^2(a)$ | .95419 |

| | |
|------|-----------|
| Mean | 47998566. |
| Min | |
| Max | |

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## CHAPTER III-II
## PHASE II SUMMARY

### Agricultural Sector Models

Phase I of the Ohio Land Allocation Model established a number of cross-sectional statistical models of tax assessment and tax parcel changes in the residential, commercial, and industrial land use sectors. Each of these equations utilized the assessed value or number of parcels in each land category as the dependent variables and employment and population as the independent variables. Equations were derived which explained tax base in a static sense (i.e. 1967 residential assessed value for 88 Ohio counties as a function of 1967 employment and population) and in a dynamic sense. (change in tax assessed value 1967 to 1972 as a function of change in employment and population during the same period).

Similar models for the agricultural sector did not work as well as those for the other land use sectors. This is because population and employment variables do not incorporate the factors important for agricultural production. For this reason, a data base relating to agricultural production was compiled. Data on cash receipts to Ohio farmers were available from the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center.[1] Data on the acreage harvested for each crop type were extracted from Ohio Agricultural Statistics while data on the number of farms, average acreage and land in farms by county for 1964-1974 were made available by the Ohio Crop Reporting Service.[2] Table 39 lists the variables which were used in the analysis of the agricultural sector.

Table 39

## LIST OF VARIABLES, AGRICULTURAL SECTOR TAX BASE EQUATIONS

V67001 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Total Livestock 1967

V67002 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Dairy 1967

V67003 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Cattle 1967

V67004 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Hogs 1967

V67005 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Poultry 1967

V67006 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Sheep 1967

V67007 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Other 1967

V67008 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Total Crops 1967

V67009 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Corn 1967

V67010 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Soybean 1967

V67011 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Wheat 1967

V67012 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Oats and Hay 1967

V67013 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Greenhouse 1967

V67014 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Vegs. 1967

V67015 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Other Crops 1967

V67016 - Acres Harvest Corn For Grain 1967

V67017 - Acres Harvest Soybeans for Beans 1967

V67018 - Acres Harvest All Wheat 1967

V67019 - Acres Harvest Oats for Grain 1967

V67020 - Acres Harvest All Hay 1967

V67021 - All Cattle and Calves (Head) 1967

V67022 - All Hogs and Pigs (Head) 1967

V67023 - All Sheep (Head) 1967

V67024 - All Milk Cows (Head) 1967

S67 Acres - Total Acres Harvested 1967

LF 67 - Land in Farms 000's Acres 1967

NF 67 - Number of Farms 1967

Table 39 (cont'd)

## LIST OF VARIABLES, AGRICULTURAL SECTOR TAX BASE EQUATIONS

AA 67 - Average Acreage 1967

INDO 20 - Assessed Value Agricultural Land 1967

INDO 60 - Total Assessed Value Agricultural Land 1967

V72001 - Cach Receipts 000's $ Total Livestock 1972

V72002 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Dairy 1972

V72003 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Cattle 1972

V72004 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Hogs 1972

V72005 - Cash Receipts 000's $Poultry 1972

V72006 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Sheep 1972

V72007 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Other 1972

V72008 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Total Crops 1972

V72009 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Corn 1972

V72010 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Soybean 1972

V72011 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Wheat 1972

V72012 - Cash Receipts 000's $Oats and Hay 1972

V72013 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Greenhouse 1972

V72014 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Vegs. 1972

V72015 - Cash Receipts 000's $ Other Crops 1972

V72016 - Acres Harvest Corn For Grain 1972

V72017 - Acres Harvest Soybeans For Beans 1972

V72018 - Acres Harvest All Wheat 1972

V72019 - Acres Harvest Oats For Grain 1972

V72020 - Acres Harvest All Hay 1972

V72021 - All Cattle and Calves (Head) 1972

V72022 - All Hogs and Pigs (Head) 1972

V72023 - All Sheep 1972 (Head)

V72024 - All Milk Cows 1972 (Head)

Table 39 (cont'd)

## LIST OF VARIABLES, AGRICULTURAL SECTOR TAX BASE EQUATIONS

S72 Acres    – Total Acres Harvested 1972

LF 72    – Land in Farms 000's Acres 1972

NF 72    – Number of Farms 1972

AA 72    – Average Acreage 1972

INDO 25    – Assessed Value Agricultural Land 1972

INDO 65    – Total Assessed Value Agricultural Land 1972

SMSA 67    – Counties in an SMSA, 1967

SMSA 72    – Counties in an SMSA, 1972

AVLIV67    – Mean of Cash Receipts Livestock, 1962-1967, 000's $

AVCRP67    – Mean of Cash Receipts Crops, 1962-1967, 000's $

AVLIV72    – Mean of Cash Receipts Livestock, 1968-1972, 000's $

AVCRP 72    – Mean of Cash Receipts Crops, 1968-1972, 000's $

I021    – Delta ind. Land Assessed Value, 1967-1972

I022    – Delta comm. Land Assessed Value, 1967-1972

I023    – Delta res. Land Assessed Value, 1967-1972

I020    – Delta ag. Land Assessed Value, 1967-1972

I060    – Delta & Total ag. Assessed Value, 1967-1972

CHGCRP    – AVCRP72 minus AVCRP67

CHGLIV    – AVLIV72 minus AVLIV67

## Data Analysis

The first step in the project was to analyze the data base using descriptive statistics. The results of this analysis give an overview of the general trends in Ohio's agricultural sector.

Land use in Ohio is diversified. Of the state's 26.2 million acres of land, 11 per cent was dedicated to urban and built up areas in 1970; 65.3 per cent was farmland; and 23.7 per cent was categorized as other land not in farms.[3] As evidenced from this data, the agricultural sector is clearly a dominant land use within the State of Ohio.

Changes in the state's agriculture indicate that the number of farms and land in farms is decreasing, while average acreage is increasing. Although Ohio is following the national trend, data indicate that the state is not doing so in as radical and rapid a pace as the national average. For example, the average national farm size in 1973 was about 385 acres [4] while Ohio's average farm size for the same year was almost 149 acres. From 1964-1974 the average acreage on Ohio farms increased by 7.2 acres. The 1969 Census of Agriculture reports that 96.2 per cent of all farms in Ohio are less than 499 acres. Small farms, 1 to 99 acres constitute 46.5 per cent of this total.[5] This data would seem to indicate that although Ohio is slowly following the national trend, the state remains dominated by relatively small farms and small farmers as opposed to large corporate farming operations that are prevalent in other states. Tables 40 and 41 illustrate these data.

Table 40.  Ohio 1964, 1969, 1974

| Land in Farms 000's | | | Average Acres per Farm | | | Number of Farms 000's | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1964 | 1969 | 1974 | 1964 | 1969 | 1974 | 1964 | 1969 | 1974 |
| 18,145 | 17,700 | 17,400 | 141.6 | 148.1 | 148.8 | 131 | 120 | 117 |

Source:  Ohio Crop Reporting Service

## Table 41.  United States

### Average Acres per Farm

| 1964 | 1969 | 1974 |
|------|------|------|
| 332  | 369  | 384  |

Source:  U.S. Department of Agriculture, Statistical Reporting Service, 1973.


The assessed value of farms in Ohio has increased 23.1 per cent from 1964 to 1969.  Crops increased 15.4 per cent and livestock, poultry, and related products increased 29 per cent.[6]  Data for 1967, one of the years that will be used in this study, show that livestock products are 57.5 per cent of the total while crops constitute 42.5 per cent of the total agricultural production in Ohio.[7]  In 1972, the other year relevant to this study, livestock products constituted 52.8 per cent and crops proved to be 47.2 per cent of the total.[8]  Table 42 illustrates livestock and major crops by type.

### Table 42

|                  | 1967  | 1972  |
|------------------|-------|-------|
| Total Livestock  | 57.5% | 52.8% |
| Cattle & Calves  | 14.8% | 16.6% |
| Hogs             | 14.5% | 13.4% |
| Dairy Products   | 18.8% | 16.9% |
| Total Crops      | 42.5% | 47.2% |
| Corn             | 11.4% | 11.9% |
| Soybeans         | 12.3% | 18.5% |
| Wheat            | 5.3%  | 3.7%  |

The next step in the analysis was to delineate the interrelationship among the variables. This was critical in that strong correlations among independent variables in the regression equations (multicollinearity) can yield erroneous results.

Several sets of variables were found to be correlated. First, the analysis showed the relationship among the cash receipts variables and the acres harvested variables to be collinear. This means t'at in almost all instances the cash receipts from a specific crop and the acres harvested from that same crop will correlate significantly. Table 43 illustrates the correlation coefficients for cash receipts and acres harvested. For example, cash receipts for wheat (V72011) and acres harvested for wheat (V72018) show a correlation coefficient of .90505. Similarly, cash receipts for soybeans (V72010) and acres harvested for soybeans (V72017) correlate at .99385. As a result of this collinearity the regression statements which included both cash receipts and acreage for the same crop would give biased results. It is for this reason that the regressions use only the cash receipts for each crop and livestock variable. The decision to eliminate the acres harvested variables was based on the fact that cash receipts proved to be a stronger explanation of assessed value.

Collinearity was also a factor in determining the relationship among major crop types. This is shown in Table 44. The analysis showed that certain types of crops were intimately related. One explanation for this phenomenon is that certain crops are grown together or alternately in a rotation. Some crops require the same type of storage, soil, or involve similar transportation costs. Soybeans (V72010) and wheat (V72011) correlate significantly.

## Table 43

### RELATIONSHIPS AMONG CASH RECEIPTS AND ACREAGE

### HARVESTED VARIABLES

### CORRELATION COEFFICIENTS*

|         | V67018 | V67019 | V72003 | V72016 | V72017 | V72018 |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| V67009  | .90000 | .55295 |        |        |        |        |
| V67010  | .85954 | .55772 |        |        |        |        |
| V67011  | .98199 | .63133 |        |        |        |        |
| V67012  | .65113 | .80253 |        |        |        |        |
| V67016  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| V72009  |        |        |        | .89848 | .87421 | .80287 |
| V72010  |        |        |        | .84860 | .99385 | .84102 |
| V72011  |        |        |        | .86372 | .93204 | .90505 |
| V72016  |        |        | .67246 |        |        |        |
| V72021  |        |        | .82175 |        |        |        |

*Underlined coefficients indicate variables which are collinear and should not be used in the same regression equation.

## Table 44

### RELATIONSHIPS AMONG MAJOR CROP TYPES

### CORRELATION COEFFICIENTS

|        | V67009 | V67011  | V72009  | V72011  |
|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| V67010 | .89185 | .89100  | 0.89816 | 0.93534 |
| V67011 | .91392 | 1.00000 | 0.88707 | 0.95602 |
| V72010 | ------ | ------  | .90784  | .94601  |
| V72011 | ------ | ------  | .90587  | 1.00000 |

Corn (V72009) is collinear with soybeans (V72010) and with wheat (V72011). Based on the theory of transportation costs one would not expect vegetables (V72014) to correlate highly with wheat or corn. This is, in fact, the case. It may also be posited that vegetables are intensive while wheat and corn are extensive crops, hence they would not be highly related in terms of where they are grown.

Given adjustments in the input data to avoid the use of collinear variables, analysis was carried out using linear regression. The results are summarized in the next section.

## Results of Agricultural Sector Models

The goal of the regression analysis was to create predictive models of the tax base related to production in the agricultural sector and the conversion of land to urban uses. In each equation, one of the agricultural tax base variables (e.g. IND060 – total agricultural assessed value, 1967), is the dependent variable and production variables or assessment variables in other categories (residential, commercial, industrial) are the independent or explanatory variables.

Tables 45 to 50 illustrate the results of these analyses. All the tables are similarly organized. Using Table 45 as an example, one can see how to interpret the results. This table represents the models for assessed value of agricultural land as given by the title. Results of two equations are shown in this table – one for 1967 as shown in the left half, and one for 1972 as shown in the right half. On the left margin are the names of all the independent variables for the 1967 equation. The first numbers following this are the B coefficients, the numbers by which one multiplies to arrive at the predicted value for the dependent variable. In parentheses after this number

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are the t ratios which show the statistical significance of each of the B values. At the bottom of the table are shown the constant for each equation and the coefficient of determination ($R^2$). The $R^2$ and $R^2$(a) (adjusted) values show the proportion of the variance explained by the equation.

Going back to Table 45, we can illustrate how one can translate into a predictive equation. Using the 1967 equation:

$$IND025 = .921 \text{ (V67004)} + 3.789 \text{ (V67007)} + 1.718 \text{ (V67009)}$$
$$+ 1.008 \text{ (V67010)} + 10.493 \text{ (V67012)} + 1.177 \text{ (V67013)}$$
$$+ 2927.345 \text{ (SMSA67)} + 3361.156$$

If one wishes to predict the assessed value of agricultural land for any county in Ohio using this equation, one need only have the production figures for each of the crop types in the equation and know whether or not the county was in an SMSA. One can interpret each of the tables in a similar fashion. How these equations will be translated into models for use on the state computer system is discussed further in the final chapter of this report.

Several interesting trends are shown by these regression equations. Tables 45 and 46 show that a strong relationship exists between agricultural production and assessed value in both 1967 and 1972. The $R^2$ (a) values for these equations range from .683 to .809. Certain products are shown to be more important in Ohio agriculture. These include hogs, corn, soybeans, greenhouse, and other crops categories.

Viewing the coefficients in these equations, it appears that there were changes in the importance of particular crops between the two years. Thus, the b coefficient for soybeans in 1967 is 1.008 while it is 1.808 in 1972. It may not be true, however, that these two single years are representative of long term trends in Ohio agriculture. For this reason data on the

Table 45

## Assessed Value Agricultural Land*

| Indep.Variables | B | t ratio | B | t ratio | Indep.Var. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1967 | | | 1972 | |
| V67004 | .921 | (3.51) | 1.524 | (3.95) | V72003 |
| V67007 | 3.789 | (1.44) | 29.400 | (4.55) | V72007 |
| V67009 | 1.718 | (3.14) | 1.808 | (8.96) | V72010 |
| V67010 | 1.008 | (1.86) | 1.539 | (3.03) | V72013 |
| V67012 | 10.493 | (3.97) | 5003.686 | (3.41) | SMSA72 |
| V67013 | 1.177 | (3.35) | | | |
| SMSA67 | 2927.345 | (3.03) | | | |
| C(constant) | 3361.156 | | 2952.364 | | C |
| | .826 | | .705 | | $R^2$ |
| | .809 | | .691 | | $R^2$(a) |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mean | 14545.002 | | 19894.229 | |
| Δ Mean | | 5349.227 | | |

\* All coefficients are significant at the .001 level except

  V67007 (.2)
  V67010 (.1)

## Table 46

## Total Agricultural Assessed Value*

| Indep. Variables | 1967 B | t ratio | 1972 B | t ratio | Indep. Var. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| V67007 | 19.228 | (4.21) | 1.102 | (2.79) | V72002 |
| V67009 | 3.508 | (7.62) | 1.873 | (3.11) | V72003 |
| V67012 | 18.474 | (4.14) | 32.738 | (3.30) | V72007 |
| V67013 | 1.572 | (2.50) | 1.890 | (5.36) | V72010 |
| | | | 7.146 | (1.30) | V72012 |
| | | | 2.205 | (3.15) | V72013 |
| SMSA67 | 3827.692 | (2.21) | 6387.938 | (3.07) | SMSA72 |
| C | 8781.813 | | 5405.612 | | C |
| $R^2$ | .729 | | .705 | | $R^2$ |
| $R^2$(a) | .716 | | .683 | | $R^2$(a) |
| Mean | 24880.412 | | 30561.794 | | Mean |
| Δ Mean | | 5681.38 | | | |

*All coefficients are significant at the .01 level.

Except   V67013 (.02)
         SMSA67 (.05)
         V72012 (.2)

## Table 47

### ASSESSED VALUE AGRICULTURAL LAND*

| Indep.Var. | 1967 B | t ratio | 1972 B | t ratio | Indep. Var. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| V67001 | .490 | (5.21) | .531 | (4.30) | V72001 |
| V67008 | 1.175 | (11.30) | .910 | (7.78) | V72008 |
| C | 3488.230 | | 6535.432 | | C |
| $R^2$ | .707 | | .562 | | $R^2$ |
| $R^2$(a) | .704 | | .557 | | $R^2$(a) |
| | | | | | |
| AVLIV67 | .632 | (5.89) | .648 | (4.68) | AVLIV72 |
| AVCRP67 | 1.243 | (10.10) | 1.272 | (8.19) | AVCRP72 |
| C | 3120.179 | | 5537.328 | | |
| | .695 | | .589 | | |
| $R^2$(a) | .691 | | .582 | | |
| | | | | | |
| AVLIV67 | .678 | (6.54) | .701 | (5.35) | AVLIV72 |
| AVCRP67 | 1.181 | (9.89) | 1.179 | (7.94) | AVCRP72 |
| SMSA67 | 2986.172 | (3.01) | 5322.154 | (3.48) | SMSA72 |
| C | 2191.150 | | 3340.624 | | |
| $R^2$ | .725 | | .639 | | |
| $R^2$(a) | .719 | | .630 | | |
| | | | | | |
| Mean | 14545.002 | | 19894.229 | | |
| Δ Mean | | 5349.227 | | | |

*All coefficients are significant at the.01 level.

Table 48 *

## TOTAL AGRICULTURAL ASSESSED VALUE

| 1967 Indep.Var. | B | t ratio | B | t ratio | 1972 Indep.Var. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| V67001 | .949 | (6.08) | .975 | (5.81) | V72001 |
| V67008 | 1.443 | (8.17) | .987 | (6.15) | V72008 |
| C | 8552.664 | | 12179.983 | | C |
| $R^2$ | .638 | | .546 | | $R^2$ |
| $R^2$(a) | .634 | | .541 | | $R^2$(a) |
| | | | | | |
| AVLIV67 | 1.157 | (6.22) | 1.164 | (6.24) | AVLIV72 |
| AVCRP67 | 1.530 | (7.63) | 1.404 | (6.71) | AVCRP72 |
| C | 7965.607 | | 10755.133 | | C |
| | .637 | | .580 | | $R^2$ |
| $R^2$(a) | .633 | | .575 | | $R^2$(a) |
| | | | | | |
| AVLIV67 | 1.256 | | 1.234 | (6.97) | AVLIV72 |
| AVCRP67 | 1.396 | | 1.281 | (6.39) | AVCRP72 |
| SMSA67 | 6423.951 | | 7016.750 | (3.40) | SMSA72 |
| C | 5967.050 | | 7858.989 | | C |
| $R^2$ | .699 | | .631 | | $R^2$ |
| $R^2$(a) | .692 | | .623 | | $R^2$(a) |
| | | | | | |
| Mean | 24880.412 | | 30561.794 | | |
| Δ Mean | | 5681.38 | | | |

*All coefficients are significant at the.001 level.

## Table 49 *

### DELTA AGRICULTURAL LAND VALUE (1967-72)

| Indep. Var. | $\underline{B}$ | t ratio |
|---|---|---|
| CHGLIV | .607 | (2.87) |
| CHGCRP | .891 | (3.72) |
| I021 | -1.357 | (8.07) |
| I022 | .317 | (6.52) |
| I023 | .089 | (5.70) |
| SMSA72 | 2330.842 | (3.08) |
| C | 1817.123 | |
| $R^2$ | .561 | |
| $R^2$(a) | .534 | |
| Mean $(10^3)$ | 5349.227 | |

*All coefficients are significant at the .001 level.
Except CHGLIV (.01)

## Table 50 *

### DELTA TOTAL AGRICULTURAL ASSESSED VALUE (1967-72)

| Indep. Var. | B | t ratio |
|---|---|---|
| CHGLIV | .792 | (3.05) |
| CHGCRP | .664 | (2.26) |
| I021 | -2.072 | (10.03) |
| I022 | .294 | (4.92) |
| I023 | .165 | (8.61) |
| SMSA72 | 2299.777 | (2.47) |
| C | 2603.019 | |
| $R^2$ | .639 | |
| $R^2$(a) | .617 | |

Mean $(10^3)$     5681.383


*All coefficients are significant at the .01 level except

CHGCRP (.05)
SMSA72 (.02)

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annual cash receipts for crops and livestock were collected for 1962 through 1972. Thus, instead of employing the single year cash receipts variable, a six and five year average (1962-1967, 1968-1972) were input into the regression equations. The results are shown in Tables 47 and 48. Here, one can compare the results using the simple totals for one year (V67001, V67008) to the results using the averages (AVLIV67, AVCRP67). Not only do the b coefficients change but also they become stable over time. The coefficient for AVLIV67 is .632 and for AVLIV72 .648 - not significantly different. What this means is that changes in agricultural assessed value from 1967-1972 are accounted for almost entirely by the dummy variables for urbanization - SMSA67, SMSA72. In other words, competition from urban land uses in SMSA counties was bidding up the price and, therefore, the assessed value of agricultural land. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time that this trend has been demonstrated quantitatively with a predictive equation.

The final set of predictive equations are those for change (delta) in assessed value 1967-72. Here it was found that changes in agricultural production do not explain changes in assessed value. This is an expected result since we can assume that overall agricultural production in Ohio is probably near its peak and is only slightly affected by short term fluctuations in the produce market. We would then expect that it is the competition by other land uses for agricultural land which would better explain changes in assessed value. This is demonstrated by Tables 49 and 50. Here, one can see that changes in production combined with changes in the other land categories give a strong estimate of agricultural assessed value.

There are actually several trends which seem to be measured by these equations. First, there is the effect of a slight increase in production. Second, there is the effect of urban land bidding up the prices of agricultural land. This is shown by the SMSA, commercial land, and residential land

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variables. Third, there is the effect of direct consumption of agricultural land on the urban fringe. This effect seems to be most highly correlated with the industrial land category and is why this coefficient is negative. Finally, it must be pointed out that changes in agricultural building assessed value are almost negligible. The mean change in land value is $5349.227 \times 10^3$ and in total value is $5681.383 \times 10^3$ leaving only a change of $332.16 \times 10^3$. This is because tax assessments between 1967 and 1972 were made exclusively on the basis of market value of land. The value of agricultural buildings for urban uses is negligible. Thus, the strongest equation for delta total agricultural assessed value is generated by using the same variables as those used for the land assessed value equation. This is shown in Table 50.

## Converting Tax Base Data to Land Use Information

One set of models which was produced during Phase I of this study is that for tax parcels. These models predict the number of tax parcels in each category of land use given projections of population and employment. Data on tax parcels are readily available and would, therefore, be an excellent, continuing source of information. What is needed then is an assessment of whether or not these data can be converted to actual land acreages. One of the major accomplishments during Phase II of the Ohio Land Allocation Model study is just such an assessment. The general approach, methodology, results, and conclusions are explained in this chapter.

## Land Acreage from Parcel Data

In order to derive the acreage from data on parcels, one would need to know the size of each parcel. Alternatively, one may derive a frequency or probability distribution of parcel sizes in each county for each land category. This distribution can then be multiplied by the number of parcels in each category in order to get the acreage. Table 51 illustrates how one would calculate the probable acreage of residential land in a hypothetical county based on a sample of sizes of parcels in that county.

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## Table 51

### HYPOTHETICAL DISTRIBUTION OF RESIDENTIAL PARCEL SIZES

### SHOWING THE CALCULATION OF ACREAGE

| Parcel Size (Acres) | Number in Sample | Frequency | Acreage* |
|---|---|---|---|
| .1 | 100 | .10 | 250.0 |
| .25 | 500 | .50 | 3125.0 |
| .50 | 200 | .20 | 2500.0 |
| .75 | 100 | .10 | 1875.0 |
| 1.00 | 50 | .05 | 1250.0 |
| 1.50 | 20 | .02 | 750.0 |
| 2.5 | 10 | .01 | 625.0 |
| 7.5 | 10 | .01 | 1875.0 |
| 10.0 | 5 | .005 | 1250.0 |
| 11.0 | 5 | .005 | 1375.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 1.000 | 14875.0 |

*Actual total number of residential parcels = 25000 using 0.1 acre size as example

   25000 x .10  frequency = 2500 x .1 acres = 250 acres

## Sampling Parcel Data

The purpose of the survey undertaken was to gain information about the size of tax parcels in each of the four major land uses and to determine whether or not reliable profiles of parcel sizes could be established. This was done by taking a two per cent random sample of the tax parcels in three central Ohio counties: Pickaway (Circleville), Delaware (Delaware), and Licking (Newark). The land use type and acreage for each parcel selected were coded for keypunching and the samples were analyzed using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS).

The source of the parcel information was the public record of appraisal compiled by each county's auditor for 1975. Each parcel record contained the owner's name, an identifying parcel number, a legal description of the parcel, the assessed value of the land and buildings, and in some cases the acreage or dimensions of the parcel. These records are organized in the following way:

Pickaway County

    First level - by township or incorporated area
    Second level - by school district
    Third level - alphabetically by owner's name
    Thirteen parcels per page

Delaware County

    Same manner as Pickaway, but 35-50 records per page

Licking County (two complete listings)

    Alphabetically by owner's name, thirteen records
    per page

    First level - by township or incorporated area
    Second level - by school district
    Third level - by land use type
    Fourth level - alphabetically by owner's name
    Sixteen records per page

A random number table with values ranging from 1 to 52 was used to select the parcels to be recorded. In Pickaway and Licking Counties the random number between 1 and 52 identified one record in a four page block. In Delaware County, only values between 1 and 40 were used and each number identified a record for a single page. When a parcel was selected, the land use and acreage of the parcel was recorded with the following exceptions:

1) If the parcel had no acreage recorded, its subdivision name and lot number were noted and the dimensions of the lot taken from the plat record, converted to acres and recorded.

2) If the legal description contained the dimensions of the parcel, e.g. 150' x 250', this information was noted and converted to acres.

3) If the legal description did not identify a subdivision name or contain the dimensions of the parcel, the parcel was rejected and another random number and parcel selected. A deed search is necessary to identify the acreage of such a parcel.

Because industrial and commercial parcels make up a very small portion of the parcels within a county, very few such parcels were selected in the random sampling process. This deficiency was corrected by selecting a township book in an area containing industrial and commercial land and recording all such parcels which showed acreage in the sample until a minimum of fifty parcels were recorded.

The coded information was keypunched and SPSS was used to calculate the frequency distributions and simple statistics for each sub-sample, in both grouped and ungrouped form. Table 52 displays the results of the ungrouped analysis and the sample sizes for each land use and county.

The frequency distributions obtained from the random sample were compared using the Smirnov test. This test was chosen because it does not assume a normally distributed population, and the populations from which the samples

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were drawn are not normally distributed. The test statistic, called the D value, is the largest difference between the cumulative frequencies for each grouping of the two samples being tested. The samples were grouped as shown in Table 53. If the D value is larger than the critical value, the two samples are significantly different. The samples were compared within land use types, the results are displayed in Table 54. The significantly different samples were the residential sample for Licking County compared to both Delaware and Pickaway Counties, and the commercial samples for Delaware and Licking Counties. The difference probably resulted from the more urbanized nature of Licking County. Platted parcels are more numerous in urbanized areas and are generally smaller than non-platted parcels.

The three samples taken do not allow generalization of the results to the entire state. However, they do indicate that profiles of different types of counties (urban, rural, metropolitan) could be developed with a sample of 10-15 counties. Sampling this many counties could require as many as 1000 man-hours. However, as more auditors' records become computerized, such a sample could become feasible. If reliable profiles could be developed it would allow translation of the existing number of parcels data to acreage, providing much useful information about land use and land use change. In this way, projections made using the tax parcel models can be directly translated into land use projections.

The results of this type of analysis could then be used as a continuing and consistent check on the accuracy of macro level land use totals produced by LANDSAT. Future work with the tax models and continued use of LANDSAT could generate a data base in the future which directly linked land use change as measured by LANDSAT with the changes in tax base in Ohio Counties.

## Table 52

### PARCEL SIZE SURVEY SIMPLE STATISTICS (UNGROUPED DATA)

| | Pickaway | Delaware | Licking | All Counties |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Agricultural Parcels** | | | | |
| N | 106 | 156 | 235 | 497 |
| Mean | 49.3 | 40.4 | 43.4 | 43.7 |
| Median | 32.0 | 38.1 | 32.8 | 34.0 |
| Variance | 2791.3 | 1038.8 | 1523.9 | 1644.6 |
| Skewness | 1.449 | 1.668 | 1.252 | 1.557 |
| **Industrial Parcels** | | | | |
| N | 53 | 73 | 81 | 207 |
| Mean | 11.3 | 9.0 | 23.6 | 15.3 |
| Median | 3.0 | 3.1 | 6.0 | 4.2 |
| Variance | 413.0 | 173.3 | 1560.1 | 163.5 |
| Skewness | 3.394 | 2.038 | 2.285 | 6.929 |
| **Commercial Parcels** | | | | |
| N | 52 | 80 | 176 | 308 |
| Mean | 3.0 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 4.2 |
| Median | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| Variance | 139.3 | 49.9 | 222.6 | 163.5 |
| Skewness | 6.628 | 3.429 | 6.457 | 6.929 |
| **Residential Parcels** | | | | |
| N | 240 | 530 | 754 | 1524 |
| Mean | 1.0 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| Median | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.25 |
| Variance | 4.2 | 8.5 | 3.6 | 5.5 |
| Skewness | 4.404 | 3.643 | 6.514 | 4.783 |
| **All Parcels** | | | | |
| N | 451 | 839 | 1246 | 2536 |
| *Estimated Total Parcels | 18,000 | 29,000 | 52,000 | 99,000 |
| Sample Size | 2.5% | 2.9% | 2.4% | 2.6% |

*State Board of Tax Appeals

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## TABLE 53

| Group | Agricultural | Land Use Type<br>Industrial | Commercial | Residential |
|-------|-------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| 1 | .1-.9 | .1-.9 | | |
| 2 | 1.0-9.9 | 1.0-4.9 | .1-.2 | .1 |
| 3 | 10.0-29.9 | 5.0-9.9 | .3-.4 | .2 |
| 4 | 30.0-49.9 | 10.0-14.9 | .5-.6 | .3 |
| 5 | 50.0-69.9 | 15.0-24.9 | .7-.8 | .4 |
| 6 | 70.0-89.9 | 25.0-49.9 | .9-1.0 | .5 |
| 7 | 90.0-109.9 | 50.0-74.9 | 1.0-2.9 | .6 |
| 8 | 110.0-129.9 | 75.0-99.9 | 3.0-4.9 | .7 |
| 9 | 130.0-159.9 | 100.0-149.9 | 5.0-6.9 | .8 |
| 10 | 160.0+ | 150.0+ | 7.0-9.9 | .9 |
| 11 | | | 10.0-49.9 | 1.0-1.4 |
| 12 | | | 50.0-99.9 | 1.5-1.9 |
| 13 | | | 100.0+ | 2.0-2.9 |
| 14 | | | | 3.0-4.9 |
| | | | | 5.0+ |

Inclusive Group Limits in Acres

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## Table 54

### SUMMARY OF SMIRNOV TESTS

| Samples Tested | LAND USE TYPES | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | AGRICULTURAL | | INDUSTRIAL | | COMMERCIAL | | RESIDENTIAL | |
| **Licking-Delaware** | N(1) | N(2) | N(1) | N(2) | N(1) | N(2) | N(1) | N(2) |
| | 235 | 156 | 81 | 73 | 176 | 80 | 754 | 530 |
| Critical Values | | | | | | | | |
| .05 Level | | .140 | | .219 | | .184 | | .077 |
| .01 Level | | .168 | | .263 | | .220 | | .092 |
| D Values | | .091 | | .184 | | .216* | | .158* |
| **Pickaway-Delaware** | N(1) | N(2) | N(1) | N(2) | N(1) | N(2) | N(1) | N(2) |
| | 106 | 156 | 53 | 73 | 52 | 80 | 240 | 530 |
| Critical Values | | | | | | | | |
| .05 Level | | .171 | | .245 | | .242 | | .106 |
| .01 Level | | .205 | | .294 | | .290 | | .127 |
| D values | | .139 | | .184 | | .135 | | .094 |
| **Licking-Pickaway** | N(1) | N(2) | N(1) | N(2) | N(1) | N(2) | N(1) | N(2) |
| | 235 | 106 | 81 | 53 | 176 | 52 | 754 | 240 |
| Critical Values | | | | | | | | |
| .05 Level | | .159 | | .240 | | .215 | | .101 |
| .01 Level | | .191 | | .288 | | .257 | | .121 |
| D Values | | .102 | | .061 | | .081 | | .215* |

*Significantly different samples

$$\text{Critical Value at .05 Level} = 1.36\sqrt{\frac{N(1) + N(2)}{N(1) \times N(2)}}$$

$$\text{Critical Value at .01 Level} = 1.63\sqrt{\frac{N(1) + N(2)}{N(1) \times N(2)}}$$

D Values = Maximum (Cumulative Frequency(1,i) - Cumulative Frequency(2,i))

   i = 1 to number of groups in distribution

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## Land Conversion in Franklin County

### Establishing a Test for LANDSAT Data

LANDSAT offers the opportunity to provide computer compatible land use information at frequent intervals. Thus, land use changes as measured by LANDSAT can be linked with changes in population, employment, and other socioeconomic characteristics to produce empirical models of land use change. This is the underlying goal of the modeling effort in the State of Ohio. In pursuing this goal, a number of technical problems have arisen which require further exploration before a set of final models can be produced. This section summarizes the work using aerial photography for Franklin County, Ohio, which will be utilized in performing a test of the accuracy of LANDSAT interpretations.

### Land Use Modeling and LANDSAT

In order to create a predictive land use model for counties in Ohio, a land use data base is required which is both extensive and accurate. LAND-SAT provides a unique opportunity for such modeling because it is the most extensive, most consistent data base available. Unfortunately, a number of technical problems arise in converting from LANDSAT imagery to land use categories. These problems leave a potential for large errors in the final land use classifications.[9] Such errors would be unacceptable for the purpose of land use modeling, i.e. relating land use changes to socioeconomic changes. Thus, the first step in analyzing LANDSAT must be to identify the nature and degree of these errors, and if possible, to derive correction

factors which might be applied prior to the use of these data in a model.

The potential errors associated with LANDSAT have been subdivided into two major components. Those errors associated with the misalignment of pixels for two different LANDSAT scenes are referred to as Error 1. This error results from the possibility of $\pm$ one pixel misalignment in ground orientation as a result of the rescanning readjustment, and reclassification of the original, distorted data pixels.[10] The second type of error (Error 2) results from the misclassification of land cover due to the similarities in spectral signatures of different land uses. To date, the nature and extent of these errors have not been quantified. This is the first task of LANDSAT data analysis in Ohio.

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## Quantifying LANDSAT Errors

In order to quantify the misclassification errors associated with LANDSAT, a number of tests have been devised. The first test relates to the overall changes in land use which can be tabulated from LANDSAT data. Scenes for Franklin County for both 1973 and 1975 will be interpreted by Bendix Corporation and given to the State of Ohio on computer tapes. Based on these tapes, one can calculate the changes in land use in Franklin County during this period. The question which arises is how accurate are these land use change figures: Since LANDSAT has been in use for such a short time, no one appears to have utilized the data in this way or to test the accuracy of the results.

Fortunately, two sets of aerial photographs are available for Franklin County at times very close to those for LANDSAT imagery. Thus, the first step in compiling information for a test of LANDSAT involved the interpretation of land use change from these aerial photographs.

The initial task was to correlate the 1972 Franklin County aerial photographs (scale 1:1000) with the 1976 set (scale 1:2000). Upon completion and matching of the comparable mosaics with differing scales, the photographs were scanned on a zoom transfer scope for land use changes. Any differentials apparent in the two sets of photos were noted on the 1972 photos. We attempted to identify the entire area of change during this process, noting not merely the existence of a new structure but also its attendant property lines, if they were interested in land use changes only, differing crop patterns and water levels were considered extraneous.

Categorization of land use changes appeared under seven classifications: 1) Urban Recreation 2) Open Space - all land void of development that could not be identified as agricultural land 3) Agriculture 4) Com-

mercial - including trucking, airports, and warehousing operations  5)  In-
dustrial  6)  Residential  7) Public - including schools, churches, and
highways.  A separate notation of "A" was utilized to signify land cleared
and/or under construction and would be appended to the proper land use
symbol.

Upon comparison of the areas on the 1972 set of aerial photos with
the actual changes in the 1976 photos, each land use change was catalogued
as outlined above, with the 1972 land use recorded as separated from the
recorded 1976 land use change by a slash (e.g. 3/6).  Certain decision
rules were derived for classification of land uses as follows:

1)      Commercial buildings - a higher parking lot to building
        ratio than industrial structures.  Location along a
        major arterial.  Location as related to residential
        development.

2)      Industrial - location near interstate interchanges.
        Parking lot to building ratio lower than commercial.
        Landscaping and large front set back.

3)      Additional buildings on a previously established land
        use was not noted, except in the case of new resident-
        ial units in subdivision development.

4)      Individual parcels in subdivisions cleared for develop-
        ment in 1972 and developed by 1976 were noted as 6A/6.

5)      Agriculture - clear crop pattern with evidence of farm
        buildings in close proximity.

Once the classification was completed and noted on the 1972 photos,
a planimeter was used to determine the aerial change.  Thus, a table was
derived detailing for each 1972 photo the land use changes on the photo
with its before/after classifications, the area of land use change in square
inches, and finally, this square inch measurement converted into acres.
Table 55 shows these data.

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In order to quantify the errors associated with LANDSAT at the pixel level, we made use again of the aerial photographs. First, the photos were oriented to the U.S.G.S. quadrangles using a zoom transfer scope. Then, a 1.1 acre grid of the same dimensions as LANDSAT pixels was overlayed on the mosaic of photos for each year, for a sample quadrangle in Franklin County. For each "pixel" the dominant land cover (greater than 50%) and the probable land use, if different, was recorded, encoded, and punched onto computer cards. In this way, a set of highly accurate land use information was produced which is compatible with the format of the LANDSAT data.

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# Table 55

## LAND USE CHANGES IN FRANKLIN COUNTY BETWEEN 1972 AND 1976
### (In Acres)

| From \ To | Urban Recreation | Open Space | Agriculture | Commercial | Industrial | Residential | A* Residential | Public | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A* Urban Recreation | 4.591 | | | | | | | | 4.591 |
| Open Space | 136.823 | | | 1,154.270 | 637.052 | 4,210.055 | 328.053 | 686.869 | 7,153.122 |
| Agriculture | 344.582 | | | 366.850 | 709.826 | 2,278.466 | 219.927 | 61.983 | 3,981.634 |
| A* Agriculture | | | 16.758 | | | | | | 16.758 |
| Commercial | | | | | | | | 4.591 | 4.591 |
| A* Commercial | | | | 196.281 | | | | | 196.281 |
| Industrial | | 5.510 | | | | | | | 5.510 |
| A* Industrial | | | | | 220.156 | | | | 220.156 |
| Residential | | 8.724 | | 68.871 | 14.233 | | | 20.202 | 112.030 |
| A* Residential | | | | | | 2,542.470 | | | 2,542.470 |
| A* Public | | | | | | | | 367.080 | 367.080 |
| TOTAL | 485.996 | 14.234 | 16.758 | 1,786.272 | 1,581.267 | 9,030.991 | 547.980 | 1,140.725 | 14,604.223 |

A* - under construction and/or land cleared for development
Source: 1972 (Flight No. 5010) and 1976 (Flight No. 5979) aerial photos of Franklin County with field checks.

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CHAPTER III-III

COMPUTER VERSION OF THE TAX MODELS-DOCUMENTATION

The statistical equations tested for the tax models were detailed above in the first two chapters. Given these results, those equations which were strongest (had the highest variance explained or $R^2$ values) were programmed to be used as a set of simulation models. This chapter summarizes and documents the basis and use of these computer models.

## Basic Model Assumptions

The models which have been programmed for use in simulation are based on the regressions detailed in Chapters I and II. The basic assumptions of these models are as follows:

1) The models are an accurate representation of the relationship between tax base by category (dependent variables) and employment, population, agricultural production, and the presence of an SMSA (independent variables).

2) The historical trends with regard to tax base changes will continue into the future, i.e., no major revisions in the property tax system will be made.

3) An accurate, independent forecast of population, employment by category, and agricultural production is available for each county for each projection year.

Assumption 1 is simply a statement relating to the validation of the models. The validation procedure consisted of the statistical reliability of the models as measured by the $R^2$ values. Models with low reliability were dropped.

Assumption 2 is related to a basic premise of all modeling based on historical trends – that no dramatic changes in policy or shifts in taxing procedures will occur in the future. Such changes are one time occurrences which cannot be accounted for in this type of model.

The final assumption is a basic premise under which this research was initiated – that another, independent model would be used to forecast, for each county, population, employment by category, and agricultural production. As was demonstrated in our Phase II report, the DEMOS model does not supply reliable estimates of these parameters. Thus, the future use of the present models must be accompanied by other forecasts or models of these variables over time by county.

## Uses of the Models

The models as programmed can be used to forecast property tax revenues (assessed value) by county in the following categories:

1) Agricultural land
2) Industrial land
3) Commercial land
4) Residential land
5) Agricultural land and buildings
6) Industrial land and buildings
7) Commercial land and buildings
8) Residential land and buildings

Given forecasts of employment by category, population, and agricultural production, one can forecast the probable tax revenues in each of these categories. In addition, one can forecast the number of industrial, commercial, and residential tax parcels. The models can thus be used as simulation tools relating to planning for land use and public service delivery. We have constructed several hypothetical examples of applications of the models in

order to illustrate better the potential uses to which they might be put.

## Example 1

Let us hypothesize that planners in Geauga County, Ohio are attempting to formulate land use plans to the year 2000. In doing this, they have constructed a number of scenarios of county growth in terms of population and employment. One argument relating to their land use policy recommendations is that increases in population and employment will bring property tax revenues to the county and to local municipalities, which will be beneficial. Thus the argument goes, land use policies should be designed to allow for this type of population and employment increases. In order to quantify what these property tax impacts might be, the planners choose to utilize the tax models. For each projection of population and employment, they estimate, using the models, the property tax impacts in each of the relevant categories. In effect, they simulate the potential tax benefits. Then, using other estimates of the public service costs associated with the same development, they can construct a land use plan consistent with fiscal needs and community desires.

## Example 2

For the second hypothetical example, let us suppose that a bill is introduced in the legislature which is designed to attract industry to Ohio. The bill would subsidize industries moving into the state in order to promote increased employment, and to offset the out-migration of people which has occurred in Ohio over the last decade. Proponents of the bill claim the subsidization will be more than offset by property taxes paid by the industries

and their employees.  Opponents claim there is no basis to assume this.
The governor's office asks to have some analysis done on this problem us-
ing hypothetical, example industries.  Simulation of the property tax im-
pacts of various estimates of increases in employment and population, is
carried out using the tax models.  Again, these can be compared with esti-
mates of the costs to arrive at a subsidization rate which does not exceed
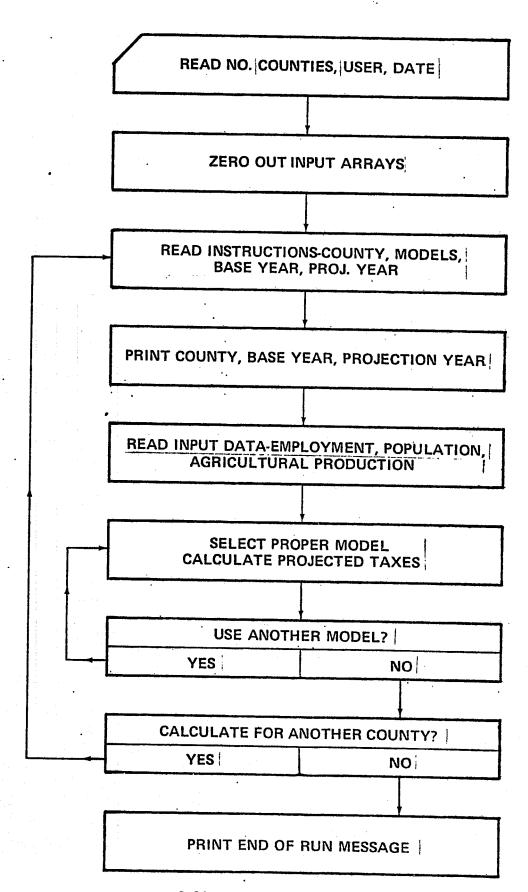the property tax and other revenues forthcoming from the new industries.

## Instructions for Use of the Computerized Models

Figure 2 is a flow chart of the computerized versions of the tax
models.  The models can be accessed in two ways - using a program deck
available at DECD, or, if the deck is placed on disk, through the State
Data Center using the proper Job Control Language (JCL).  The instructions
given herein assume the program to be mounted on disk using a utility pro-
gram.  The only difference in using the program this way, and in employing
the program deck, is in the JCL.  The State Data Center can be consulted
to obtain the proper cards for running the program using the deck.

I.  A user of the model needs to prepare a card deck with three parts:

      (1)    JCL statements

      (2)    Instruction card

      (3)    Input variable data cards

(1)  JCL Statements

the user must have a State Data Center account and prepare a job
card containing the necessary accounting information.  This card is followed
by one EXECUTE card and two DATA DEFINITION CARDS.

FIGURE 2.

FLOW CHART FOR
TAX MODEL COMPUTER PROGRAM

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┌────────────────────────────────────────────┐
│      READ NO. COUNTIES, USER, DATE          │
└────────────────────────────────────────────┘

┌────────────────────────────────────────────┐
│         ZERO OUT INPUT ARRAYS               │
└────────────────────────────────────────────┘

┌────────────────────────────────────────────┐
│   READ INSTRUCTIONS-COUNTY, MODELS,         │
│        BASE YEAR, PROJ. YEAR                 │
└────────────────────────────────────────────┘

┌────────────────────────────────────────────┐
│  PRINT COUNTY, BASE YEAR, PROJECTION YEAR   │
└────────────────────────────────────────────┘

┌────────────────────────────────────────────┐
│  READ INPUT DATA-EMPLOYMENT, POPULATION,    │
│         AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION              │
└────────────────────────────────────────────┘

┌────────────────────────────────────────────┐
│          SELECT PROPER MODEL                │
│       CALCULATE PROJECTED TAXES             │
└────────────────────────────────────────────┘

┌────────────────────────────────────────────┐
│          USE ANOTHER MODEL?                 │
├──────────────────────┬─────────────────────┤
│         YES          │         NO          │
└──────────────────────┴─────────────────────┘

┌────────────────────────────────────────────┐
│       CALCULATE FOR ANOTHER COUNTY?         │
├──────────────────────┬─────────────────────┤
│         YES          │         NO          │
└──────────────────────┴─────────────────────┘

┌────────────────────────────────────────────┐
│         PRINT END OF RUN MESSAGE            │
└────────────────────────────────────────────┘
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Col 1

//EXEC FORTHCLG

//FORT. SYSIN DD DSN=DECD,TAX,MODELS,DISP=OLD

//GO.SYSIN DD *

(2) Instruction Card

The instruction card identifies the user, the date, and the number

of counties to be forecast. The data is entered as follows:

Col 1-2 Number of counties to be forecast (NOCNTY)
(if one county is to be forecast more than once
using alternative projections, each forecast
counts once for this variable). Limit is five
counties per run.
Col 3-5 User's name (USER)
Col 36-55 Date (DATE)

(3) Input Variable Data Cards.

For each county forecast indicated on the Instructions Card, a set

of four input variable data cards must be prepared. Card .1 of this set is

the instruction card for that forecast.

Col 1-20 Name of county (CNTY)
Col 21-23 Number of models to be run (NOMODS)
See next card for list of 11 models
Col 24-27 Base year of projection period (BSYR)
Col 29-32 Target year of projection period (PRYR)

Card 2 of the set lists the models to be forecast for this county. Eleven

models are available.

Model #

1       Change in Assessed Value of Agricultural Land
2       Change in Assessed Value of Industrial Land
3       Change in Assessed Value of Commercial Land
4       Change in Assessed Value of Residential Land
5       Change in Assessed Value of Agricultural Land and Buildings
6       Change in Assessed Value of Industrial Land and Buildings
7       Change in Assessed Value of Commercial Land and Buildings
8       Change in Assessed Values of Residential Land and Buildings
9       Number of Industrial Parcels
10      Number of Commercial Parcels
11      Number of Residential Parcels

The card is prepared as follows:

|  | Col | 1-3 | Number of 1st Model Requested | IREQ(1) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (If any) | Col | 4-6 | " " 2nd " " | IREQ(2) |
| " | Col | 7-9 | " " 3rd " " | IREQ(3) |
| " | Col | 10-12 | " " 4th " " | IREQ(4) |
| " | Col | 13-15 | " " 5th " " | IREQ(5) |
| " | Col | 16-18 | " " 6th " " | IREQ(6) |
| " | Col | 19-21 | " " 7th " " | IREQ(7) |
| " | Col | 22-24 | " " 8th " " | IREQ(8) |
| " | Col | 25-27 | " " 9th " " | IREQ(9) |
| " | Col | 28-30 | " " 10th " " | IREQ(10) |
| " | Col | 30-33 | " " 11th " " | IREQ(11) |

Card 3 of the set contains the projected values for the input variables in the following fields:

| Col | 1-10 | Projected Population   VARPR(1) |
|---|---|---|
| Col | 11-20 | Projected Total Employment VARPR(2) |
| Col | 21-30 | Projected Manufacturing Employment VARPR(3) |
| Col | 31-40 | Projected Service Employment VARPR(4)[1] |
| Col | 41-50 | Projected Crop Cash Receipts in 000's VARPR(5) |
| Col | 51-60 | Projected Livestock Cash Receipts in 000's VARPR(6) |
| Col 62 | . | 1 if county is part of an SMSA, 0 if not VARPR(7) |

Card 4 of the set contains the assessed values for each land use in the county in the base year of the projection period in thousands of dollars in the following fields:

| AVBS(1) | Col | 1-11 | Assessed Value of Agricultural Land |
|---|---|---|---|
| AVBS(2) | Col | 11-20 | Assessed Value of Industrial Land |
| AVBS(3) | Col | 21-30 | Assessed Value of Commercial Land |
| AVBS(4) | Col | 31-40 | Assessed Value of Residential Land |
| AVBS(5) | Col | 41-50 | Assessed Value of Agricultural Land and Buildings |
| AVBS(6) | Col | 51-60 | Assessed Value of Industrial Land and Buildings |
| AVBS(7) | Col | 61-70 | Assessed Value of Commercial Land and Buildings |
| AVBS(8) | Col | 71-80 | Assessed Value of Residential Land and Buildings |

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1 Service employment is the sum of employment in transportation and utilities, wholesale and retail, finance insurance, and services as defined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services.

The final set of input variable data cards should be followed by an end of file card. (/*) and an end of job card (//).

All numbers should be right justified; that is, the right most digit should be punched in the right most column of the indicated field.

A program listing, example data deck, and example output follow. The examples include a set of test runs with hypothetical counties, and a set of test runs with real, example counties. It must be voted that <u>the results obtained in these runs are not dependable</u> because the input projections use the DEMOS model and this has been found in error. However, the runs do illustrate the format of the model output.

The test run data are set up as follows:

<u>Instructions card</u> - 5 counties to be forecast by TEST RUNS (user's name)
On September 14, 1976.

<u>Input Variable Data Cards</u>

Card 1 - FIRST (county name)
Run 11 models
Base year 1967
Target year 1972

Card 2 - Lists models 1-11

Card 3 - Projected 1972 Population = 20500
Projected Total Employment = 2612
Projected Manu. Employment = 842
Projected Service Employment = 1160
Projected Crop Cash Receipts = $4222 thousand
Projected Livestock Cash Receipts = $6541 thousand
0 = county not in SMSA

Card 4 - Assessed value in 1967 (base year)
Agricultural land = 6384
Industrial land = 5
Commercial land = 265
Residential land = 1240
Agricultural land and buildings = 12013
etc.

Then begins the comparable data sets for counties
SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH, and FIFTH.

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              C      OHIO LAND ALLOCATION MODEL: TAX MODELS
              C
              C      DEVELOPED FOR DECD BY OSCAR FISCH AND
              C      STEVE GORDON WITH A GRANT FROM NASA
              C
              C      PROGRAMMED BY HARVEY CURRAN
              C
  0001        C      DIMENSION VARPR(7),AVBS(8),IREQ(11),USER(8),DATE(5),CNTY(5)
              C
              C      READ USER DATA FOR RUN
              C      WRITE HEADER PAGE
              C
  0002               READ(5,100) NOCNTY,USER,DATE
  0003           100 FORMAT(I2,8A4,5A4)
  0004               WRITE(6,50) USER,DATE
  0005            50 FORMAT('1'///////5X,'OHIO LAND ALLOCATION MODEL: TAX BASE MODELS'///
                    15X,8A4///5X,8A4)
  0006               I=0
  0007           111 I=I+1
  0008               IF (I .EQ. (NOCNTY+1)) GO TO 199
              C
              C      ZERO OUT INPUT ARRAYS
              C
  0009               DO 212 J=1,7
  0010           212 VARPR(J)=0.0
  0011               DO 213 J=1,8
  0012           213 AVBS(J)=0.0
  0013               DO 214 J=1,11
  0014           214 IREQ(J)=0
              C
              C      READ INSTRUCTIONS FOR COUNTY
              C
  0015               READ(5,200) CNTY,NOMODS,BSYR,PRYR
  0016           200 FORMAT(5A4,I3,1X,A4,1X,A4)
  0017               READ(5,300) IREQ
  0018           300 FORMAT(11I3)
  0019               IF (NOMODS .LT. 11) IREQ(NOMODS + 1) = 0
              C
              C      WRITE HEADER FOR COUNTY PAGE
              C
  0020               WRITE(6,1001) CNTY,BSYR,PRYR
  0021          1001 FORMAT('1',30X,'TAX BASE PROJECTIONS FOR ',5A4,'COUNTY FROM ',
                    1A4,' TO ',A4)
              C
              C      READ INPUT DATA FOR COUNTY
              C
  0022               READ(5,502) VARPR
  0023               READ(5,503) AVBS
  0024           502 FORMAT(6F10.0,F2.0)
  0025           503 FORMAT(8F10.0)
              C
              C      WRITE BASE YEAR ASSESSED VALUES
              C
  0026               WRITE(6,1002)
  0027          1002 FORMAT(///40X,'BASE YEAR ASSESSED VALUES '//41X,'LAND USE',20X,
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Program Listing

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0028            1'LAND',11X,'LAND AND BUILDINGS')
0029               DO 150 N=1,4
0030               OUTA=AVBS(N)*1000.0
0031               OUTB=OUTA+AVBS(N+4)*1000.0
0032               IF (N .EQ. 1) WRITE(6,1003) OUTA,OUTB
0033               IF (N .EQ. 2) WRITE(6,1004) OUTA,OUTB
0034               IF (N .EQ. 3) WRITE(6,1005) OUTA,OUTB
0035               IF (N .EQ. 4) WRITE(6,1006) OUTA,OUTB
       1003 FORMAT(41X,'AGRICULTURAL',11X,F12.0,10X,F12.0)
0036   1004 FORMAT(41X,'INDUSTRIAL  ',11X,F12.0,10X,F12.0)
0037   1005 FORMAT(41X,'COMMERCIAL  ',11X,F12.0,10X,F12.0)
0038   1006 FORMAT(41X,'RESIDENTIAL ',11X,F12.0,10X,F12.0)
0039    150 CONTINUE
0040        J=0
0041     20 J=J+1
0042        IF (J .EQ. 12) GO TO 25
0043        IF (IREQ(J) .EQ. 0) GO TO 25
0044        MODEL=IREQ(J)
      C
      C
      C
      C           CALCULATE AND WRITE MODEL VALUES
      C
0045        GO TO (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11),MODEL
0046      1 VALUE=((.701*VARPR(6)+1.179*VARPR(5)+5322.154*VARPR(7)+3340.624)-
           1AVBS(1))*1000.0
0047        VALUE=(VALUE+500.)/1000.
0048        IVALUE=IFIX(VALUE)
0049        VALUE=(FLOAT(IVALUE))*1000
0050        WRITE(6,31) VALUE
0051     31 FORMAT(//10X,'PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF ',
           1' AGRICULTURAL LAND',5X,'$',F12.0)
0052        GO TO 99
0053      2 VALUE=(.028184*VARPR(3)**1.19937-AVBS(2))*1000.0
0054        IF (VALUE .LE. 0.0) GO TO 98
0055        VALUE=(VALUE+500.)/1000.
0056        IVALUE=IFIX(VALUE)
0057        VALUE=(FLOAT(IVALUE))*1000
0058        WRITE(6,32) VALUE
0059     32 FORMAT(//10X,'PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF ',
           1'INDUSTRIAL    LAND',5X,'$',F12.0)
0060        GO TO 99
0061      3 VALUE=(.153004*VARPR(4)**1.16638-AVBS(3))*1000.0
0062        IF (VALUE .LE. 0.0) GO TO 98
0063        VALUE=(VALUE+500.)/1000.
0064        IVALUE=IFIX(VALUE)
0065        VALUE=(FLOAT(IVALUE))*1000
0066        WRITE(6,33) VALUE
0067     33 FORMAT(//10X,'PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF ',
           1'COMMERCIAL    LAND',5X,'$',F12.0)
0068        GO TO 99
0069      4 VALUE=(.004794*VARPR(1)**1.35015-AVBS(4))*1000.0
0070        IF (VALUE .LE. 0.0) GO TO 98
0071        VALUE=(VALUE+500.)/1000.
0072        IVALUE=IFIX(VALUE)
0073        VALUE=(FLOAT(IVALUE))*1000
0074        WRITE(6,34) VALUE
0075     34 FORMAT(//10X,'PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF ',
           1'RESIDENTIAL   LAND',5X,'$',F12.0)
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Program Listing (cont.)

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0076              GO TO 99
0077          5 VALUE=((1.23398*VARPR(6)+1.28098*VARPR(5)+7016.744*VARPR(7)+
             17858.984)-AVBS(5))*1000.0
0078            IF (VALUE .LE. 0.0) GO TO 98
0079            VALUE=(VALUE+500.)/1000.
0080            IVALUE=IFIX(VALUE)
0081            VALUE=(FLOAT(IVALUE))*1000
0082            WRITE(6,35) VALUE
0083         35 FORMAT(//10X,'PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF ',
             1'AGRICULTURAL LAND AND BUILDINGS','$',F12.0)
0084            GO TO 99
0085          6 VALUE=(.927039*VARPR(3)**1.06487-(AVBS(2)+AVBS(6)))*1000.0.
0086            IF (VALUE .LE. 0.0) GO TO 98
0087            VALUE=(VALUE+500.)/1000.
0088            IVALUE=IFIX(VALUE)
0089            VALUE=(FLOAT(IVALUE))*1000
0090            WRITE(6,36) VALUE
0091         36 FORMAT(//10X,'PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF ',
             1'INDUSTRIAL   LAND AND BUILDINGS','$',F12.0)
0092            GO TO 99
0093          7 VALUE=(1.313335*VARPR(4)**1.07888-(AVBS(3)+AVBS(7)))*1000.0
0094            IF (VALUE .LE. 0.0) GO TO 98
0095            VALUE=(VALUE+500.)/1000.
0096            IVALUE=IFIX(VALUE)
0097            VALUE=(FLOAT(IVALUE))*1000
0098            WRITE(6,37) VALUE
0099         37 FORMAT(//10X,'PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF ',
             1'COMMERCIAL   LAND AND BUILDINGS','$',F12.0)
0100            GO TO 99
0101          8 VALUE=(.065536*VARPR(1)**1.25601-(AVBS(4)+AVBS(8)))*1000.0
0102            IF (VALUE .LE. 0.0) GO TO 98
0103            VALUE=(VALUE+500.)/1000.
0104            IVALUE=IFIX(VALUE)
0105            VALUE=(FLOAT(IVALUE))*1000
0106            WRITE(6,38) VALUE
0107         38 FORMAT(//10X,'PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF ',
             1'RESIDENTIAL   LAND AND BUILDINGS','$',F12.0)
0108            GO TO 99
0109          9 VALUE=.01663*VARPR(3)
0110            IF (VALUE .LE. 0.0) GO TO 98
0111            WRITE(6,39) VALUE
0112         39 FORMAT(//10X,'PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF ',
             1'INDUSTRIAL   PARCELS',5X,F10.0)
0113            GO TO 99
0114         10 VALUE=.1135*DELSFR
0115            IF (VALUE .LE. 0.0) GO TO 98
0116            WRITE(6,40) VALUE
0117         40 FORMAT(//10X,'PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF ',
             1'COMMERCIAL   PARCELS',5X,F10.0)
0118            GO TO 99
0119         11 VALUE=.23963*VARPR(1)
0120            IF (VALUE .LE. 0.0) GO TO 98
0121            WRITE(6,41) VALUE
0122            GO TO 99
0123         41 FORMAT(//10X,'PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF ',
             1'RESIDENTIAL PARCELS',5X,F10.0)
0124         98 WRITE(6,960) MODEL,CNTY
0125        960 FORMAT(//10X,'NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL   ',I2,
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Program Listing (cont.)

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                        1' FOR ',5A4,' COUNTY')
0126                99 GO TO 20
0127                25 GO TO 111
0128               199 CONTINUE
          C
          C            WRITE END OF RUN MESSAGE
          C
0129                   WRITE(6,400) USER,DATE
0130               400 FORMAT('1','OHIO LAND ALLOCATION MODEL'///5X,'NORMAL COMPLETION'
                      1///5X,8A4///5X,5A4)
0131                   STOP
0132                   END
```

Program Listing (cont.)

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 FIRST                    11  1967  1972
1   2   3    4    5   6    7    8   9  10  11
    20500           2612         842        1160      4222      6541 0
     6384             5          265        1240     12013        88          1644          7140
 SECOND                   11  1967  1972
    2   3    4    5   6    7    8   9  10  11
  110100          38111       16124       19708      1034      8006 1
    26750          2495       12510       25731     38780     24531        37456        125717
 THIRD                    11  1967  1972
1   2   3    4    5   6    7    8   9  10  11
    43800          12268        7097        4824      2584     13111 0
    10533            651        2113        9257     20821      6153         8696         45202
    FOURTH                11  1967  1972
1   2   3    4    5   6    7    8   9  10  11
   100300          23934       12219       10793      5055     11211 1
    14552          2576        7660       20953     29914     21423        26910        106207
    FIFTH                 11  1967  1972
1   2   3    4    5   6    7    8   9  10  11
    57000           7550        1374        5636       413      3168 0
     4141             97        3328        6041      8300       966        13348         32118
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Example   Input Data Deck

OHIO LAND ALLOCATION MODEL

NORMAL COMPLETION

TEST RUNS

SEPTEMBER 14, 1976

Test Runs (cont.)

BASE YEAR ASSESSED VALUES

| LAND USE | LAND | LAND AND BUILDINGS |
|---|---|---|
| AGRICULTURAL | 6384000. | 18396992. |
| INDUSTRIAL | 5000. | 95000. |
| COMMERCIAL | 265000. | 1909000. |
| RESIDENTIAL | 1240000. | 8380000. |

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF  AGRICULTURAL LAND    $    6519593.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL    LAND    $    85894.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL    LAND    $    309149.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL    LAND    $    1938432.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND BUILDINGS $    9325742.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL    LAND AND BUILDINGS $    1115298.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL   LAND AND BUILDINGS $    749024.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL  LAND AND BUILDINGS $    8684218.

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL  PARCELS     16.

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL  PARCELS     59779.

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL PARCELS     4912.

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL   11 FOR    FIRST      COUNTY

Test Runs (cont.)

TAX BASE PROJECTIONS FOR   SECOND          COUNTY FROM 1967 TO 1972

BASE YEAR ASSESSED VALUES

| LAND USE | LAND | LAND AND BUILDINGS |
|---|---|---|
| AGRICULTURAL | 26750000. | 6553 0000. |
| INDUSTRIAL | 2495000. | 2702 5984. |
| COMMERCIAL | 12510000. | 49966000. |
| RESIDENTIAL | 25730992. | 151447984. |

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL   1 FOR   SECOND          COUNTY

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL   LAND      $     640602.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL   LAND    $   3117433.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL   LAND    $   5020640.

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL   5 FOR   SECOND          COUNTY

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL   LAND AND BUILDINGS $     996633.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL   LAND AND BUILDINGS $   6499203.

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL   8 FOR   SECOND          COUNTY

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL  PARCELS          304.

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL  PARCELS          59779.

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL PARCELS          26383.

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL   11 FOR   SECOND          COUNTY

Test Runs   (cont.)

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BASE YEAR ASSESSED VALUES

| LAND USE | LAND | LAND AND BUILDINGS |
|---|---|---|
| AGRICULTURAL | 10533000. | 31353984. |
| INDUSTRIAL | 651600. | 6804000. |
| COMMERCIAL | 2113000. | 10809000. |
| RESIDENTIAL | 9257000. | 54456992. |

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND. $ 5044964.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL LAND. $ 520839.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL LAND $ 213601.

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL 4 FOR THIRD COUNTY

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND BUILDINGS$ 6526746.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL LAND AND BUILDINGS$ 4890765.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL LAND AND BUILDINGS$ 1559910.

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL 8 FOR THIRD COUNTY

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL PARCELS 134.

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL PARCELS 59779.

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL PARCELS 10496.

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL 11 FOR THIRD COUNTY

Test Runs (cont.)·

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TAX BASE PROJECTIONS FOR     FOURTH         COUNTY FROM 1967 TO 1972

BASE YEAR ASSESSED VALUES .

| LAND USE | LAND | LAND AND BUILDINGS |
|---|---|---|
| AGRICULTURAL | 1455200C. | 44466000. |
| INDUSTRIAL | 2576000. | 23998992. |
| COMMERCIAL | 7660000. | 34570000. |
| RESIDENTIAL | 20952992. | 127155984. |

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF  AGRICULTURAL LAND      $    7929527.

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL    2 FOR      FOURTH          COUNTY

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL      LAND      $      74090.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL    LAND      $    6161738.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND BUILDINGS$     5271226.

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL    6 FOR      FOURTH          COUNTY

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL    7 FOR      FOURTH          COUNTY

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL    8 FOR      FOURTH          COUNTY

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL   PARCELS          230.

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL   PARCELS          59779.

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL PARCELS          24035.

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL    11 FOR      FOURTH          COUNTY

Test Runs (cont.)

TAX BASE PROJECTIONS FOR · FIFTH COUNTY FROM 1967 TO 1972

BASE YEAR ASSESSED VALUES

| LAND USE | LAND | LAND AND BUILDINGS |
|---|---|---|
| AGRICULTURAL | 4141000. | 12441000. |
| INDUSTRIAL | 97000. | 1063000. |
| COMMERCIAL | 3328000. | 16674000. |
| RESIDENTIAL | 6041000. | 38158992. |

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND $ 1907316.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL LAND $ 66535.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL LAND $ 338352.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL LAND $ 6601792.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND BUILDINGS $ 3997277.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL LAND AND BUILDINGS $ 972380.

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL 7 FOR FIFTH COUNTY

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL LAND AND BUILDINGS $ 23487248.

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL PARCELS 26.

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL PARCELS 59779.

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL PARCELS 13659.

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL 11 FOR FIFTH COUNTY

Test Runs (cont.)

OHIO LAND ALLOCATION MODEL: TAX BASE MODELS

TEST RUNS

FEBRUARY 15, 1977


Test Runs

Example runs use inaccurate projections.

Thus results are not reliable.

BASE YEAR ASSESSED VALUES

| LAND USE | LAND | LAND AND BUILDINGS |
|----------|------|--------------------|
| AGRICULTURAL | 38786992. | 61219984. |
| INDUSTRIAL | 11170000. | 76932992. |
| COMMERCIAL | 50040000. | 149820992. |
| RESIDENTIAL | 119514992. | 525351680. |

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL    LAND    $    7437000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL    LAND    $   33124992.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL    LAND .    $   78640992.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL    LAND AND BUILDINGS$   59254000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL    LAND AND BUILDINGS$  115252992.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL    LAND AND BUILDINGS$  272160000.

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL    PARCELS         1340.

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL    10 FOR    STARK         . COUNTY

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL PARCELS         104864.


Test Runs (cont.)

Example runs use inaccurate projections.

Thus results are not reliable.

BASE YEAR ASSESSED VALUES

| LAND USE | LAND | LAND AND BUILDINGS |
|---|---|---|
| AGRICULTURAL | 4145000. | 9415000. |
| INDUSTRIAL | 119000. | 2158000. |
| COMMERCIAL | 3259000. | 14739000. |
| RESIDENTIAL | 6218000. | 35244000. |

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL    LAND       $    277000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL    LAND       $   7466000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL   LAND       $   7385000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL    LAND AND BUILDINGS$    2302000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL    LAND AND BUILDINGS$   25124000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL   LAND AND BUILDINGS$   30748000.

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL   PARCELS          54.

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL   10 FOR    ATHENS          COUNTY

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL PARCELS          14420.

Test Runs (cont.)                    Example runs use inaccurate projections.

Thus results are not reliable.

BASE YEAR ASSESSED VALUES

| LAND USE | LAND | LAND AND BUILDINGS |
|---|---|---|
| AGRICULTURAL | 4365000. | 5721000. |
| INDUSTRIAL | 93724992. | 401784832. |
| COMMERCIAL | 187670992. | 488898560. |
| RESIDENTIAL | 427563776. | 620973568. |

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL    2 FOR    HAMILTON        COUNTY

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL    LAND    $    82752992.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL    LAND    $  217178000.

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL    6 FOR    HAMILTON        COUNTY

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL   LAND AND BUILDINGS$  300058880.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL   LAND AND BUILDINGS$ 1768982780.

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL   PARCELS       2595.

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL    10 FOR    HAMILTON        COUNTY

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL PARCELS       251260.

Test Runs (cont.)

Example runs use inaccurate projections.

Thus results are not reliable.

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## BASE YEAR ASSESSED VALUES

| LAND USE | LAND | LAND AND BUILDINGS |
|---|---|---|
| AGRICULTURAL | 19226992. | 27282992. |
| INDUSTRIAL | 806000. | 10404000. |
| COMMERCIAL | 2381000. | 9987000. |
| RESIDENTIAL | 6980000. | 35036000. |

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL    LAND    $    337000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL    LAND    $    2525000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL    LAND    $    2132000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL    LAND AND BUILDINGS$    1036000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL    LAND AND BUILDINGS$    9349000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL    LAND AND BUILDINGS$    10422000.

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL    PARCELS    131.

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL    10 FOR    DEFIANCE    COUNTY

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL PARCELS    .    10717.

Test Runs (cont.)

Example runs use inaccurate projections

Thus results are not reliable.

BASE YEAR ASSESSED VALUES

| LAND USE | LAND | LAND AND BUILDINGS |
|---|---|---|
| AGRICULTURAL | 3476000. | 6670000. |
| INDUSTRIAL | 20000. | 632000. |
| COMMERCIAL | 212000. | 1183000. |
| RESIDENTIAL | 820000. | 5973000. |

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL    LAND    $    82000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL    LAND    $    605000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL   LAND    $    614000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL    LAND AND BUILDINGS$    702000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL    LAND AND BUILDINGS$    2501000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL   LAND AND BUILDINGS$    2164000.

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL   PARCELS            17.

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL    10 FOR    NOBLE            COUNTY

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL PARCELS          2724.


Test Runs  (cont.)                    Example runs use inaccurate projections.

Thus results are not reliable.

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BASE YEAR ASSESSED VALUES

| LAND USE | LAND | LAND AND BUILDINGS |
|---|---|---|
| AGRICULTURAL | 22484992. | 41937984. |
| INDUSTRIAL | 1278000. | 16287000. |
| COMMERCIAL | 6057000. | 27413984. |
| RESIDENTIAL | 24244992. | 131073984. |

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL    LAND    $    1807000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL    LAND    $    12279000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL    LAND    $    14608000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL    LAND AND BUILDINGS$    11336000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL    LAND AND BUILDINGS$    38050000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL    LAND AND BUILDINGS$    44106992.

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL    PARCELS        300.

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL    10 FOR    LICKING        COUNTY

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL PARCELS        31372.

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Test Runs (cont.)                    Example runs use inaccurate projections.

Thus results are not reliable.

BASE YEAR ASSESSED VALUES

| LAND USE | LAND | LAND AND BUILDINGS |
|---|---|---|
| AGRICULTURAL | 46772992. | 56596992. |
| INDUSTRIAL | 26768000. | 136018000. |
| COMMERCIAL | 205758992. | 552355840. |
| RESIDENTIAL | 323877888. | 1206476800. |

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL    LAND    $    4443000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL    LAND    $    90924000.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL    LAND    $    267490992.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF INDUSTRIAL    LAND AND BUILDINGS$    79546992.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL    LAND AND BUILDINGS$    307216896.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL    LAND AND BUILDINGS$    998852864.

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL    PARCELS    2063.

NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MODEL    10 FOR    FRANKLIN    COUNTY

PROVISIONAL PROJECTED NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL PARCELS    235682.

Test Runs (cont.)

Example runs use inaccurate projections.

Thus results are not reliable.

# CHAPTER III-IV

## TESTS OF LANDSAT DATA AND MODELS

Chapter III of the Phase II report discusses the potential value of LANDSAT as a source of land use information and identifies some technical problems which many reduce its value. The purpose of this test is to determine whether or not the LANDSAT land use data can be used to formulate empirical models of land use change.

Chapter III identifies two types of potential error. The potential error associated with the misalignment of pixels from two different LANDSAT scenes is referred to as Error 1. The potential error associated with misclassification of land cover or land use due to similarities in spectral signatures is referred to as Error 2.

The report identifies three basic tests to be used in quantifying LANDSAT errors. The first test is a comparison of the overall land use changes indicated by LANDSAT to a reliable measure of land use change obtained from a photo interpretation. The second test is a pixel-by-pixel comparison of LANDSAT data to air photo data to quantify misclassification. The third test is a comparison of the 1975 LANDSAT scene to a scene flown one day later to test for misalignment. This assumes no changes should occur in one day. The test area was the southern half of the SW Columbus USGS quad. Two computer files had been prepared previously from air photos of the test area. These files were assumed to be an accurate picture of the land use and land cover in the test area in 1973 and 1975. (See Phase II, p. 41.)

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Five files were prepared from Bendix LANDSAT data at DNR. Three of these files were direct translations of the LANDSAT files for the test area in 1973, 1975, and a one-day gap in 1975. Because the 1973 and 1975 LANDSAT files were found to be misaligned with respect to the quad boundaries, two adjusted files were prepared, one shifting the 1973 file two columns to the west and the other shifting the 1975 file two rows to the south.

The seven files used will be noted as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| 73 Air | Air Photo 1973 |
| 75 Air | Air Photo 1975 |
| 73R | Unadjusted 1973 LANDSAT |
| 75R | Unadjusted 1975 LANDSAT |
| 73A | Adjusted 1973 LANDSAT |
| 75A | Adjusted 1975 LANDSAT |
| 75S | One day sidelap LANDSAT |

All files except 73A are 15,750 pixels (90 rows x 175 pixels/row). 73A has only 173 pixels/row due to its shift. The shift was judged to have improved alignment to the quad boundaries because

(1)  Water is the most stable category. 93 Pixels were water in both the 73R and 75R files, but 199 pixels matched as water in both the 73A and 75A files. Also, the LANDSAT and air photo files matched for 200 water pixels using 73A compared to only 160 using 73R and 405 pixels using 75A compared to 331 pixels using 75R.

(2)  The 75A file matched the 75S file better than the 75R file matched the 75S file.

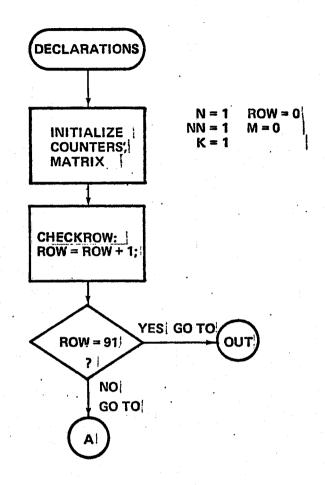| Pixels Agreeing | 75R-75S | 75A-75S |
|---|---|---|
| Urban | 477 | 900 |
| Res | 1406 | 1718 |
| Vacant | 897 | 1204 |
| Ag | 3642 | 4240 |
| 3/ | 174 | 296 |
| Water | 228 | 422 |

(3)  In the Error 2 test, every category was better using the adjusted files, i.e., a larger percentage of pixels were properly classified. Thus, using the adjusted files will produce a more conservative and probably more accurate assessment of the errors associated with the LANDSAT data.

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Two PL/1 programs were written to perform the tests. The first, called SWQUAD, was used to compare each LANDSAT file to the corresponding air photo file. Figure 3 is a flow chart of SWQUAD. The result of the program was a 15 x 35 matrix, in raw numbers and percentages, of the joint distribution of pixels among the 15 LANDSAT codes and 30 air photo codes. Each cell of the matrix M ( I,J) indicates the number of pixels which were assigned LANDSAT Code I and air photo code J. For example M(4,12) would be the number of pixels which LANDSAT classified code 21, Agricultural Thick Vegetation, and the air photo interpretation classified code 31, Agricultural vegetation. The complete list of codes and indices is as follows in Table 56. The second program, CHANGES, was written to compare two LANDSAT files to two air photo files. Figure 4 is a flowchart of the CHANGES program. The categories were combined to reduce the number of possible outcomes to Industrial/Commercial, Residential, Vacant, and Agricultural. One air photo code, and three LANDSAT codes, were treated separately. The air photo code 7, Public has no corresponding LANDSAT code. There were about 1500 public pixels in each file.
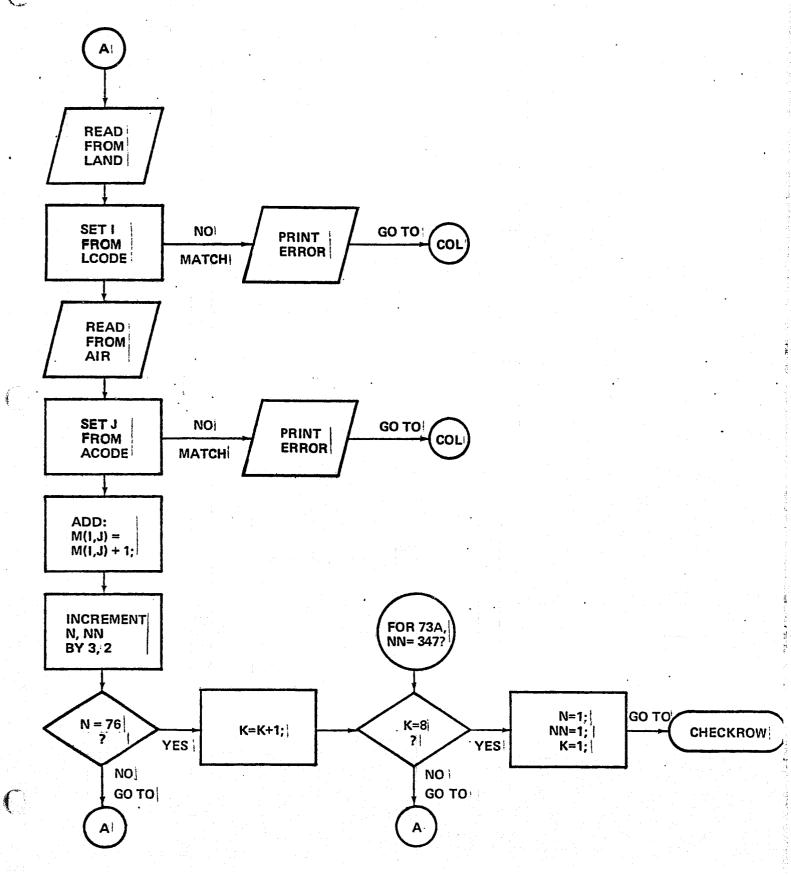
LANDSAT codes 51 and 52, turbid and clear water were treated separately because there was no corresponding air photo code. LANDSAT code 80, unclassified was also separated for the same reason. LANDSAT code 33 in 1973 (Range Meadows) and 31 in 1975 (Range Reclaimed/Urban) was treated separately to test its content. No code 31's appear in 73R or 73A and no code 33's appear in 75R, 75A, or 75S.

The result of the program is a series of four matrices. The first, M1 is a 16 x 16 matrix, with the indices representing the following conditions (shown in Table 57).

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FIGURE 3.*
FLCW CHART:
PROC SWQUAD

DECLARATIONS

INITIALIZE
COUNTERS;
MATRIX

N = 1    ROW = 0
NN = 1   M = 0
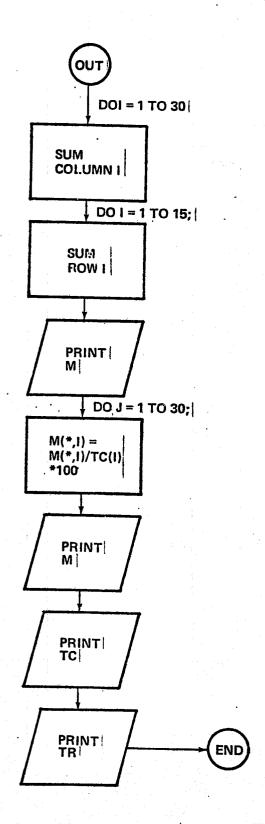K = 1

CHECKROW:
ROW = ROW + 1;

ROW = 91
?

YES GO TO → OUT

NO
GO TO

A

* SEE KEY FOR EXPLANATION

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FIGURE 3

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FIGURE 3.

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**DECLARE**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **FILES:** | **AIR** | DISK FILE FROM AIR PHOTOS |
| | **LAND** | DISK FILE FROM LANDSAT |
| **COUNTERS:** | **N** | COLUMN COUNTER FOR AIR |
| | **NN** | COLUMN COUNTER FOR LAND |
| | **K** | ROW COUNTER FOR AIR |
| **STRUCTURES:** | **M(15,30)** | 15 LANDSAT CODES X 30 AIR PHOTO CODES |
| | **TR(15)** | ROW TOTALS FOR M |
| | **TC(30)** | COLUMN TOTALS FOR M |
| **VARIABLES:** | **ACODE, LCODE** | CODE FOR PIXEL FROM AIR, LAND |
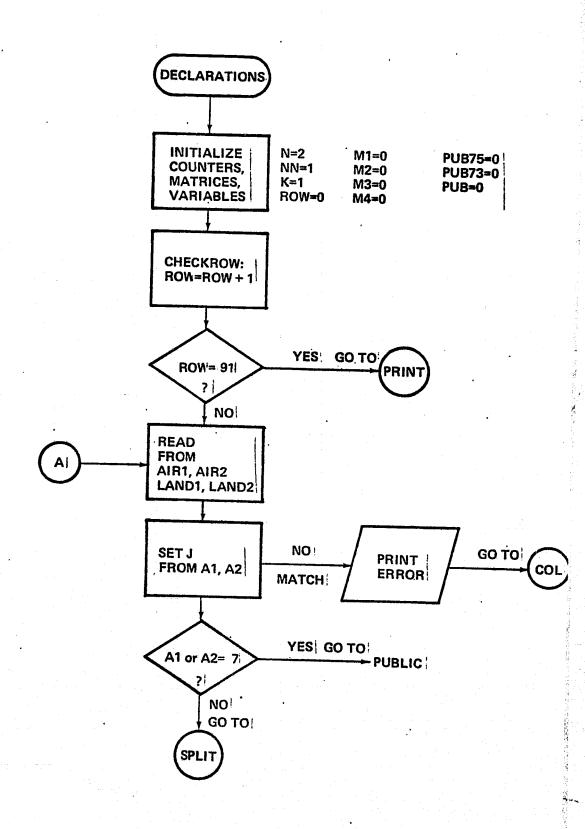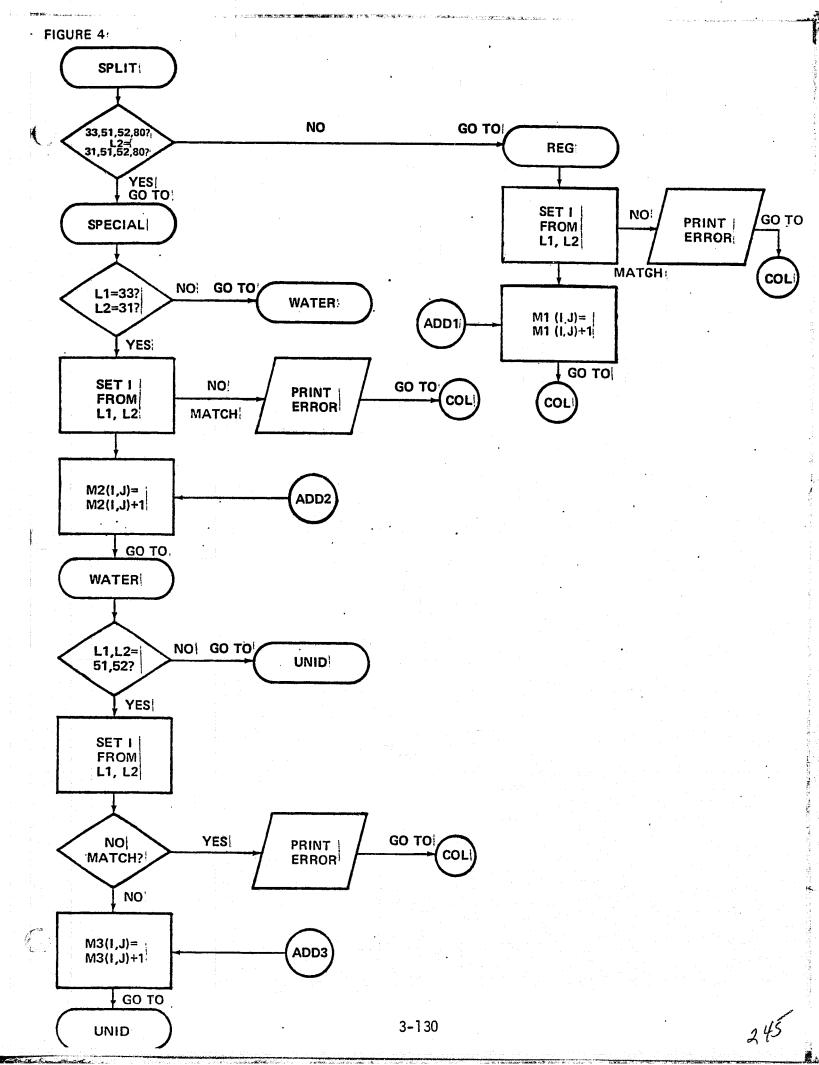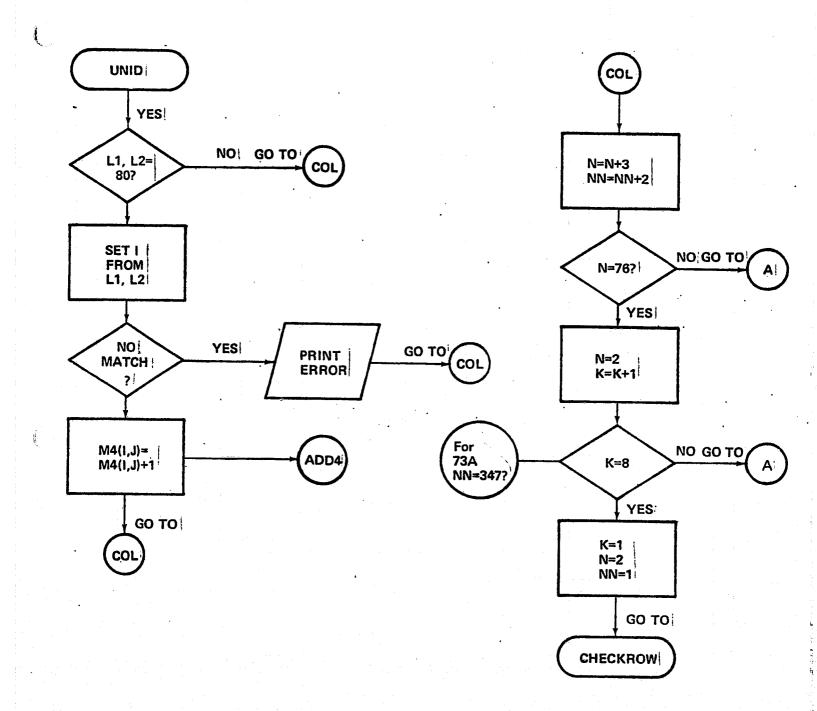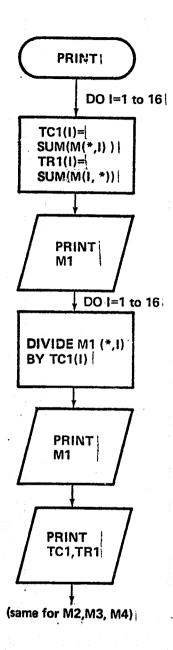
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FIGURE 4.*
FLOW CHART:
PROCEDURE CHANGES

DECLARATIONS

INITIALIZE COUNTERS, MATRICES, VARIABLES

| N=2 | M1=0 | PUB75=0 |
| NN=1 | M2=0 | PUB73=0 |
| K=1 | M3=0 | PUB=0 |
| ROW=0 | M4=0 | |

CHECKROW:
ROW=ROW + 1

ROW = 91 ?  — YES GO TO → PRINT

NO

READ FROM AIR1, AIR2 LAND1, LAND2  ← A

SET J FROM A1, A2  — NO MATCH → PRINT ERROR — GO TO → COL

A1 or A2 = 7 ? — YES GO TO → PUBLIC

NO GO TO → SPLIT

*SEE KEY FOR EXPLANATION

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FIGURE 4

SPLIT

33,51,52,80?
L2=
31,51,52,80?

NO → GO TO → REG

SET I FROM L1, L2 — NO → PRINT ERROR — GO TO → COL
MATCH

ADD1 → M1 (I,J)= M1 (I,J)+1 — GO TO → COL

YES
GO TO
SPECIAL

L1=33?
L2=31? — NO GO TO → WATER

YES

SET I FROM L1, L2 — NO → PRINT ERROR — GO TO → COL
MATCH

M2(I,J)= M2(I,J)+1 ← ADD2

GO TO
WATER

L1,L2= 51,52? — NO GO TO → UNID

YES

SET I FROM L1, L2

NO MATCH? — YES → PRINT ERROR — GO TO → COL

NO

M3(I,J)= M3(I,J)+1 ← ADD3

GO TO
UNID

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**FIGURE 4**



UNID

L1, L2= 80? — NO — GO TO — COL

YES

SET I FROM L1, L2

NO MATCH ? — YES — PRINT ERROR — GO TO — COL

NO

M4(I,J)= M4(I,J)+1 — ADD4

GO TO

COL

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COL

N=N+3
NN=NN+2

N=76? — NO GO TO — A

YES

N=2
K=K+1

For 73A NN=347? — K=8 — NO GO TO — A

YES

K=1
N=2
NN=1

GO TO

CHECKROW

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FIGURE 4



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        ( PRINT )
            |
            |  DO I=1 to 16
            v
    ┌─────────────────┐
    │   TC1(I)=        │
    │  SUM(M(*,I) )    │
    │   TR1(I)=        │
    │  SUM(M(I, *))    │
    └─────────────────┘
            |
            v
      ╱───────────╲
     ╱   PRINT      ╲
    ╱     M1         ╲
    ╲                ╱
     ╲──────────────╱
            |
            |  DO I=1 to 16
            v
    ┌─────────────────┐
    │ DIVIDE M1 (*,I)  │
    │ BY TC1(I)        │
    └─────────────────┘
            |
            v
      ╱───────────╲
     ╱   PRINT      ╲
    ╱     M1         ╲
    ╲                ╱
     ╲──────────────╱
            |
            v
      ╱───────────╲
     ╱   PRINT      ╲
    ╱    TC1,TR1     ╲
    ╲                ╱
     ╲──────────────╱
            |
            v
   (same for M2,M3, M4)
```

DECLARE:

| FILES: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | AIR 1 | 1973 AIR PHOTO OR 1975 AIR PHOTO |
| | AIR 2 | 1975 AIR PHOTO OR NONE FOR 75A-75S COMPARISO |
| | LAND 1 | 1973 A OR 1975A LANDSAT |
| | LAND 2 | 1975A or 1975S LANDSAT |

| COUNTERS: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | N | AIR1, AIR2 COLUMN COUNTER |
| | NN | LAND1, LAND2 COLUMN COUNTER |
| | K | AIR1, AIR2 ROW COUNTER |

| STRUCTURES: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | M1(16,16) | REGULAR CHANGE MATRIX |
| | TC1(16) | M1 COLUMN TOTALS |
| | TR1(16) | M2 ROW TOTALS |
| | M2(13,16) | 31/33 CHANGE MATRIX |
| | TC2(16) | M2 COLUMN TOTALS |
| | TR2(13) | M2 ROW TOTALS |
| | M3(13,16) | WATER CHANGE MATRIX |
| | TC3(16) | M3 COLUMN TOTALS |
| | TR3(13) | M3 ROW TOTALS |
| | M4(13,16) | UNCLASSIFIED CHANGE MATRIX |
| | TC4(16) | M4 COLUMN TOTALS |
| | TR4(13) | M4 ROW TOTALS |

| VARIABLES: | | |
|---|---|---|
| | A1, A2 | PIXEL CODE FROM AIR1, AIR2 |
| | L1, L2 | PIXEL CODES FROM LAND1, LAND2 |
| | PUB73 | PUBLIC PIXELS 1973 |
| | PUB75 | PUBLIC PIXELS 1975 |
| | PUB | PUBLIC PIXELS BOTH YEARS |

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TABLE 56

## Matrix Indices for SWQUAD

| LANDSAT CODES | I* | | AIR PHOTO CODES | J* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1-Urban | | | 1-Recreation | |
| 11-Center | 1 | | 10-Bare Earth | 1 |
| 12-Residential | 2 | | 11-Vegetation | 2 |
| 13-Residential/Range | 3 | | 12-Water | 3 |
| 2-Agricultural | | | 14-Buildings | 4 |
| 21-Thick Vegetation | 4 | | 15-Concrete/Asphalt | 5 |
| 22-Thin Vegetation | 5 | | 2-Open Space | |
| 23-Bare Earth | 6 | | 20-Bare Earth | 6 |
| 24-Pasture | 7 | | 21-Vegetation | 7 |
| 3-Range | | | 22-Water | 8 |
| 31-Reclaimed/Urban | 8(75A, 75S) | | 24-Buildings | 9 |
| 33-Meadows | 8(73A) | | 25-Concrete/Asphalt | 10 |
| 34-Grassland | 9 | | 3-Agriculture | |
| 4-Forest | | | 30-Bare Earth | 11 |
| 41-Forest | 10 | | 31-Vegetation | 12 |
| 5-Water | | | 32-Water | 13 |
| 51-Turbid | 11 | | 34-Buildings | 14 |
| 52-Clear | 12 | | 35-Concrete-Asphalt | 15 |
| 7*Barren | | | 4-Commercial | |
| 73-Quarry | 13 | | 40-Bare Earth | 16 |
| 74-Sand | 14 | | 41-Vegetation | 17 |
| 80-Unclassified | 15 | | 42-Water | 18 |
| | | | 44-Buildings | 19 |
| | | | 45-Concrete/Asphalt | 20 |
| | | | 5-Industrial | |
| | | | 50-Bare Earth | 21 |
| | | | 51-Vegetation | 22 |
| | | | 52-Water | 23 |
| | | | 54-Buildings | 24 |
| | | | 55-Conrete/Asphalt | 25 |
| | | | 6-Residential | |
| | | | 60-Bare Earth | 26 |
| | | | 61-Vegetation | 27 |
| | | | 62-Water | 28 |
| | | | 64-Buildings | 29 |
| | | | 65-Concrete/Asphalt | 30 |
| | | | 7-Public | |
| | | | 70-Bare Earth | 31 |
| | | | 71-Vegetation | 32 |
| | | | 72-Water | 33 |
| | | | 74-Buildings | 34 |
| | | | 75-Concrete/Asphalt | 35 |

\* Codes used in computer program

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TABLE 57

Matrix Indices for CHANGES M1(16,16)

| (LANDSAT) [Air Photo] | (Rows) I | (Columns) J |
|---|---|---|
| From: | | |
| Industrial/Commercial (11) [4,5] | | |
| | | |
| To: | | |
| I/C (11) [4,5] | 1 | 1 |
| Residential (12,13) [6] | 2 | 2 |
| Vacant (34,41,73,74) [1,2] | 3 | 3 |
| Agriculture (21,22,23,24) [3] | 4 | 4 |
| | | |
| From: | | |
| Residential (12,13) [6] | | |
| | | |
| To: | | |
| Residential (12,13) | 5 | 5 |
| I/C (11) | 6 | 6 |
| Vacant | 7 | 7 |
| AG | 8 | 8 |
| | | |
| From: | | |
| Vacant (34,41,73,74) [1,2] | | |
| | | |
| To: | | |
| Vacant | 9 | 9 |
| I/C | 10 | 10 |
| Res | 11 | 11 |
| AG | 12 | 12 |
| | | |
| From: | | |
| Agriculture (21,22,23,24) [3] | | |
| | | |
| To: | | |
| AG | 13 | 13 |
| I/C | 14 | 14 |
| Res | 15 | 15 |
| Vacant | 16 | 16 |

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The diagonal elements represent the pixels for which both LANDSAT and the air photos agree as to the land use change.

The second matrices, M2, M3 and M4 are 13 x 16 matrices, the columns being the same as M1, but the rows representing those in Table 58.

The final output is the number of public pixels in 1973, the number of public pixels in 1975, and the number of pixels recorded as public in both years.

Table 58

[Equivalence between M2, M3, and M4 change matrices and three LANDSAT categories treated separately.]

| (Rows) I | Categories and Equivalence 31/33 | Water | Unidentified |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 31-31 | 5x-5x | 80-80 |
| 2 | 31-I/C | 5x-I/C | 80-I/C |
| 3 | 31-Res | 5x-Res | 80-Res |
| 4 | 31-Vac | 5x-Vac | 80-Vac |
| 5 | 31-Ag | 5x-Ag | 80-Ag |
| 6 | 31-5x | 5x-31 | 80-31 |
| 7 | 31-80 | 5x-80 | 80-5x |
| 8 | I/C-31 | I/C-5x | I/C-80 |
| 9 | Res-31 | Res-5x | Res-80 |
| 10 | Vac-31 | Vac-5x | Vac-80 |
| 11 | Ag-31 | Ag-5x | Ag-80 |
| 12 | 5x-31 | 31-5x | 31-80 |
| 13 | 80-31 | 80-5x | 5x-80 |

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**Table 59**        LANDSAT DISTRIBUTION AMONG THREE SCENES

# PIXELS (PERCENTAGE)

| Category / | 73 | 73A | 75 | 75A | 75S |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | 349 (2.2) | 349 (2.2) | 454 (2.8) | 457 (2.9) | 576 (3.7) |
| 12 | 0 (0.0) | 0 (0.0) | 2164 (13.7) | 2281 (14.5) | 2640 16.8 |
| 13 | 4839 30.7 | 4809 30.8 | 1165 7.4 | 1214 7.7 | 671 4.3 |
| 21 | 6210 39.4 | 6113 39.3 | 509 3.2 | 474 3.0 | 273 1.7 |
| 22 | 1479 9.4 | 1450 9.3 | 7283 46.2 | 7186 45.6 | 5494 34.9 |
| 23 | 57 .4 | 56 .4 | 47 .3 | 46 .3 | 22 .1 |
| 24 | 0 | 0 | 421 2.7 | 433 2.7 | 234 1.5 |
| 31/33 | 1445 9.2 | 1439 9.2 | 1114 7.1 | 1098 7.0 | 2486 15.8 |
| 34 | 250 1.6 | 250 1.6 | 430 2.7 | 392 2.5 | 178 1.1 |
| 41 | 156 1.0 | 155 1.0 | 807 5.1 | 821 5.2 | 1693 10.7 |
| 51 | 312 2.0 | 312 2.0 | 632 4.0 | 632 4.0 | 663 4.2 |
| 52 | 0 | 0 | 30 .2 | 30 .2 | 59 .4 |
| 73 | 212 1.3 | 202 1.3 | 348 2.2 | 346 2.2 | 390 2.5 |
| 74 | 152 1.0 | 148 1.0 | 278 1.8 | 272 1.8 | 285 1.8 |
| 80 | 289 1.8 | 287 1.8 | 68 .4 | 68 .4 | 86 .5 |
| TOTAL | 15750 | 15570 | 15750 | 15750 | 15750 |

## Test Results

Before considering Error 1 and Error 2 it is necessary to discuss the inconsistency of the training sets for the three LANDSAT scenes (73,75,75S). First, codes 12,24,31, and 52 do not appear in the 1973 scene and code 33 appears only in the 1973 scene. Second, the number of pixels in several categories vary illogically among the three scenes. Table 59 shows the distribution of pixels among the LANDSAT categories.

### Overall Land Use Change

Some peculiar results are also obtained in the categorization of overall land use change: These are shown in Table 60.

### TABLE 60

| | ACRES | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 73A-75A | 73A-75S | Air Photo |
| Ind/Comm | +118.8 | +249.7 | +125.4 |
| Res | -1445.5 | -1647.8 | +366.3 |
| Vacant | +1161.6 | +1970.1 | -480.7 |
| Ag | +572.0 | -1855.6 | -26.4 |
| Public | --- | --- | 15.4 |

Note: Pixels with LANDSAT codes 31,33,51,52,80 in either scene excluded.

## Error 1

Comparison of the 75A and 75S LANDSAT files was used to test the extent of Error 1 (misalignment). The test assumes that no change should be found in one day unless misalignment errors occur. Using the four aggregated categories (Industrial/Commercial, Residential, Vacant and Agriculture), the results show that roughly 60% of the Ind/Comm, Res, and Ag category pixels matched, and 35.8% of the Vacant category pixels matched. The previously noted differences in the training sets make these results difficult to interpret. Much of the 40% - 65% misalignment may have resulted from the training set problem.

## Error 2

Comparisons of each LANDSAT file to the corresponding air photo files revealed many misclassification problems. As anticipated, the main problem is land uses that have similar land covers. Tables 61-65 show the percent correct classifications and the primary misclassifications for each air photo land use category except Recreation and Public. Recreation was not analyzed because it contained fewer than 200 pixels. Public was not analyzed because it contained pixels like each of the other categories except for public ownership and analysis would be redundant. One air photo industrial code, 52 (Industrial Water) was excluded from the industrial analysis because not all LANDSAT water pixels were quarries.

LANDSAT performed best for Open Space (88% correct for 75S) and worst for industrial ( 15%) and commercial ( 10%). Changes in the training sets improved commercial and open space accuracy, but the change for 75S reduced accuracy for agriculture. The doubling of the number of forest pixels during the one day gap supports recent evidence of corn fields being labelled forest in the latest training sets.

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The conclusion of the Error 2 test is that substantial errors do exist. Modification of the results is made difficult by the spread across time categories of some codes (See Table 56). An algorithm for adjustment would be difficult to construct.

Table 61

## Analysis of LANDSAT Errors

### Open Space

|  | 73 | Adj. 73 | 75 | Adj. 75 | Side 75 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. of Pixels | 4900 | 4853 | 4463 | 4463 | 4463 |
| % Correct | 70.5 | 72.5 | 80.1 | 88.2 | 85.2 |
| **Correct Categories:** |  |  |  |  |  |
| AG Thick Veg. | 2521 | 2583 | 203 | 230 | 108 |
|  | 51.4 | 53.2 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 2.4 |
| AG Thin Veg. | 381 | 378 | 2555 | 2776 | 2105 |
|  | 7.8 | 7.8 | 57.2 | 62.2 | 47.2 |
| Meadows | 359 | 337 | 259 | 268 | 673 |
|  | 7.3 | 6.9 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 15.1 |
| Grasslands | 132 | 146 | 153 | 150 | 66 |
|  | 2.7 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 1.5 |
| Forest | 66 | 77 | 294 | 410 | 779 |
|  | 1.3 | 1.6 | 6.6 | 9.2 | 17.5 |
| Pasture | 0 | 0 | 114 | 100 | 67 |
|  |  |  | 2.6 | 2.2 | 1.5 |
| **Errors Categories:** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | 1191 | 1129 | 256 | 148 | 94 |
|  | 24.3 | 23.3 | 5.7 | 3.3 | 2.1 |
| 73 | 50 | 47 | 100 | 37 | 81 |
|  | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.2 | .8 | 1.8 |
| 74 | 25 | 24 | 35 | 8 | 14 |
|  | .5 | .5 | .8 | .2 | .3 |
| 80 | 98 | 87 | 10 | 12 | 12 |
|  | 2.0 | 1.8 | .2 | .3 | .3 |
| 11 | 34 | 16 | 49 | 26 | 50 |
|  | .7 | .3 | 1.1 | .6 | 1.1 |
| 12 | 0 | 0 | 398 | 261 | 369 |
|  |  |  | 8.9 | 5.8 | 8.3 |

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Table 62

## Analysis of LANDSAT
## Data Agriculture

|  | 73 | A 73 | 75 | A 75 | S 75 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. of Pixels | 2459 | 2459 | 2436 | 2436 | 2436 |
| % Correct | 60.4 | 61.3 | 76.4 | 76.5 | 59.6 |
| Correct Categories: |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | 1221 | 1267 | 200 | 219 | 134 |
|  | 49.7 | 51.5 | 8.2 | 9.0 | 5.5 |
| 22 | 242 | 227 | 1591 | 1582 | 1289 |
|  | 9.8 | 9.2 | 65.3 | 64.9 | 52.9 |
| 23 | 23 | 15 | 5 | 12 | 3 |
|  | .9 | .6 | .2 | .5 | .1 |
| 24 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 50 | 27 |
|  |  |  | 2.7 | 2.1 | 1.1 |
| Error Categories: |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | 648 | 634 | 19 | 10 | 26 |
|  | 26.4 | 25.8 | .8 | .4 | 1.1 |
| 33/31 | 187 | 184 | 129 | 125 | 302 |
|  | 7.6 | 7.5 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 12.4 |
| 34 | 31 | 37 | 150 | 181 | 77 |
|  | 1.3 | 1.5 | 6.2 | 7.4 | 3.2 |
| 41 | 44 | 47 | 204 | 221 | 519 |
|  | 1.8 | 1.9 | 8.4 | 9.1 | 21.3 |
| 73 | 27 | 19 | 6 | 1 | 4 |
|  | 1.1 | .8 | .2 | .04 | .2 |
| 74 | 25 | 19 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 1.0 | .8 | .04 |  |  |
| 80 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 4 |
|  | .4 | .4 | .3 | .4 | .2 |
| 12 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 24 | 49 |
|  |  |  | 2.1 | 1.0 | 2.0 |

Table 63

Analysis of LANDSAT
Data Commercial

| | 73 | Adjusted 73 | 75 | Adjusted 75 | Sidelap 75 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. of Pixels | 673 | 657 | 720 | 720 | 720 |
| % Correct: | .6 | .9 | 7.5 | 8.5 | 7.1 |
| (11) Urban Center | 4 | 6 | 54 | 61 | 51 |

Major Errors:

| | 73 | Adjusted 73 | 75 | Adjusted 75 | Sidelap 75 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (13) Res Range | 277 41.2 | 284 43.2 | 59 8.2 | 95 13.2 | 51 7.1 |
| (21) Ag Thick Veg | 238 35.4 | 204 31.2 | 18 2.5 | 5 .7 | 2 .3 |
| (22) Ag Thin Veg | 51 7.6 | 58 8.8 | 291 40.4 | 195 27.1 | 189 26.3 |
| (33) Meadows (31) R/U (75) | 52 7.6 | 52 7.9 | 41 5.7 | 58 8.1 | 126 17.5 |
| (73) Quarry | 23 3.4 | 26 4.0 | 18 2.5 | 34 4.7 | 23 3.2 |
| (12) Res | 0 | 0 | 153 21.3 | 164 22.8 | 144 20.0 |
| (41) Forest | 2 .3 647 | 3 .5 613 | 16 2.2 640 | 9 1.3 619 | 34 4.7 590 |
| Pasture | | | | 48 6.7 | 41 5.7 |

Definitely changed training sets for:

    Res Range
    Urban Res
    Range/Urban/Reclaimed
    Ag Thick Veg
    Ag Thin Veg

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Table 64

## Analysis of LANDSAT
### Data Industrial   (No Water)

|  | 73 | Adj. 73 | 75 | Adj. 75 | Sidelap 75 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. of Pixels | 1420 | 1379 | 1487 | 1487 | 1487 |
| Correct % | 10.4 | 12.9 | 10.0 | 11.4 | 10.8 |
| (11) Urban Center | 147 | 178 | 149 | 170 | 161 |

Major Error Categories:

|  | 73 | Adj. 73 | 75 | Adj. 75 | Sidelap 75 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12 | 0 | 0 | 242 16.3 | 236 15.8 | 244 16.4 |
| 13 | 349 24.6 | 331 24.0 | 130 8.7 | 152 10.2 | 160 10.8 |
| 21 | 406 28.5 | 448 32.5 | 6 .4 | 4 .3 | 2 .1 |
| 22 | 229 16.1 | 225 16.3 | 287 19.3 | 279 18.8 | 286 19.2 |
| 31/33 | 68 4.8 | 73 5.3 | 133 8.9 | 135 9.1 | 183 12.3 |
| 41 | 8 .6 | 5 .4 | 56 3.8 | 34 2.3 | 58 3.9 |
| 51 | 122 8.6 | 93 6.7 | 228 15.3 | 152 10.2 | 161 10.8 |
| 73 | 49 3.5 | 64 4.6 | 69 4.6 | 84 5.6 | 73 4.9 |
| 74 | 52 3.7 | 64 4.6 | 150 10.1 | 169 11.4 | 172 11.6 |
| 80 | 46 3.2 | 47 3.4 | 21 1.4 | 22 1.5 | 29 2.0 |

Table 65

## Analysis of LANDSAT
## Data Residential

|  | 73 | Adj. 73 | 75 | Adj. 75 | Sidelap 75 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. of Pixels | 3808 | 3850 | 4201 | 4201 | 4201 |
| Correct % | 43.1 | 49.5 | 33.7 | 41.3 | 42.3 |
| 12 | 0 | 0 | 856<br>20.4 | 1082<br>25.8 | 1361<br>32.4 |
| 13 | 1666<br>43.1 | 1773<br>49.5 | 558<br>13.3 | 651<br>15.5 | 341<br>8.1 |

Major Error Categories:

|  | 73 | Adj. 73 | 75 | Adj. 75 | Sidelap 75 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | 1318<br>34.1 | 1208<br>33.7 | 61<br>1.5 | 4<br>.1 | 5<br>.1 |
| 22 | 164<br>4.2 | 156<br>4.4 | 1934<br>46.0 | 1846<br>43.9 | 1263<br>6.3 |
| 31/33 | 583<br>15.0 | 596<br>16.6 | 264<br>6.3 | 232<br>5.5 | 723<br>17.2 |
| 80 | 48<br>1.2 | 46<br>1.3 | 9<br>.2 | 5<br>.1 | 10<br>2.4 |
| 11 | 11<br>.3 | 7<br>.2 | 38<br>.9 | 30<br>.7 | 60<br>1.4 |
| 24 | 0 | 0 | 146<br>3.5 | 123<br>2.9 | 46<br>1.1 |
| 34 | 18<br>.5 | 19<br>.5 | 76<br>1.8 | 35<br>.8 | 16<br>.4 |
| 41 | 20<br>.5 | 14<br>.4 | 132<br>3.1 | 55<br>1.3 | 177<br>4.2 |
| 73 | 21<br>.5 | 17<br>.5 | 63<br>1.5 | 76<br>1.8 | 117<br>2.8 |

Table 66

## Analysis of LANDSAT
## Data-Problem Categories

| | | | 73A | | 75A | | 75S | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LANDSAT: | 12 | | 0 | | 2281 | | 2640 | |
| Air: | 1 | Rec | 0 | | 43 | 1.9 | 35 | .2 |
| | 2 | Open | 0 | | 275 | 12.1 | 369 | 14.0 |
| | 3 | Ag | 0 | | 24 | 1.1 | 49 | 1.9 |
| | 4 | Comm | 0 | | 164 | 7.3 | 154 | 5.8 |
| | 5 | Ind | 0 | | 347 | 15.2 | 331 | 12.5 |
| Match | 6 | Res | 0 | | 1082 | 47.4 | 1361 | 51.6 |
| | 7 | Pub | 0 | | 350 | 15.3 | 341 | 12.9 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| LANDSAT: | 13 | | 4809 | | 1.214 | | 671 | |
| Air: | 1 | Rec | 75 | 1.6 | 10 | .8 | 7 | 1.0 |
| | 2 | Open | 1129 | 23.4 | 148 | 12.2 | 94 | 14.0 |
| | 3 | Ag | 634 | 13.1 | 10 | .8 | 26 | 3.9 |
| | 4 | Comm | 284 | 5.9 | 95 | 7.8 | 51 | 7.6 |
| | 5 | Ind | 474 | 9.9 | 175 | 14.4 | 103 | 15.4 |
| Match | 6 | Res | 1773 | 36.9 | 651 | 53.6 | 341 | 50.8 |
| | 7 | Pub | 440 | 9.1 | 125 | 10.3 | 49 | 7.3 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| LANDSAT: | 21 | | 611.3 | | 474 | | 273 | |
| Air: | 1 | | 71 | 1.2 | 0 | | 0 | |
| | 2 | | 2583 | 42.3 | 230 | 48.5 | 108 | 39.6 |
| Match | 3 | Ag | 1267 | 20.7 | 219 | 46.2 | 134 | 49.1 |
| | 4 | | 204 | 3.3 | 5 | 1.1 | 2 | .7 |
| | 5 | | 345 | 5.6 | 5 | 1.1 | 2 | .7 |
| | 6 | | 1208 | 19.8 | 4 | .8 | 5 | 1.8 |
| | 7 | | 435 | 7.1 | 11 | 2.3 | 22 | 8.1 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| LANDSAT: | 51 | | 312 | | 632 | | 663 | |
| Air: | | | | | | | | |
| Ind Water | 42 | MATCH | 176 | 56.4 | 37.3 | 59.0 | 339 | 51.1 |
| | 21 | | 0 | | 9 | 1.4 | 33 | 5.0 |
| Pub. | | | | | | | | |
| Water | 72 | | 24 | 7.7 | 32 | 5.1 | 52 | 7.8 |
| Ind Bare | 50 | | 56 | 17.9 | 106 | 16.8 | 102 | 15.4 |
| Ind Veg | 51 | | 22 | 7.1 | 28 | 4.4 | 42 | 6.3 |
| | Other | | 34 | 10.9 | 84 | 13.3 | 95 | 14.3 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| LANDSAT: | 80 | | 287 | | 68 | | 86 | |
| Air: | 1 | | 0 | | 2 | 2.9 | 0 | |
| | 2 | | 87 | 30.3 | 12 | 17.6 | 12 | 14.0 |
| | 3 | | 10 | 3.5 | 9 | 13.2 | 4 | 4.7 |
| | 4 | | 9 | 3.1 | 4 | 5.9 | 5 | 5.8 |
| | 5 | | 81 | 28.2 | 33 | 48.5 | 41 | 47.7 |
| | 6 | | 46 | 16. | 5 | 7.4 | 10 | 11.6 |
| | 7 | | 54 | 18.8 | 3 | 4.4 | 14 | 16.3 |

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**Problem Codes**

|  |  |  | 73A |  | 75A |  | 75S |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LANDSAT: | 22 |  | 1450 |  | 7186 |  | 5494 |  |
| AIR: | 1 |  | 14 | 1.0 | 60 | 8.3 | 49 | .9 |
|  | 2 |  | 378 | 26.1 | 2776 | 38.6 | 2105 | 38.3 |
|  | 3 | Ag | 228 | 15.7 | 1584 | 22.0 | 1289 | 23.5 |
|  | 4 |  | 58 | 4.0 | 195 | 2.7 | 189 | 3.4 |
|  | 5 |  | 361 | 24.9 | 317 | 4.4 | 265 | 4.8 |
|  | 6 |  | 156 | 10.8 | 1846 | 25.7 | 1273 | 23.2 |
|  | 7 |  | 255 | 17.6 | 408 | 5.7 | 324 | 5.9 |

|  |  |  | 73A |  | 75A |  | 75S |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LANDSAT: | 31/33 |  | 1439 |  | 1098 |  | 2486 |  |
| AIR: | 1 |  | 23 | 1.6 | 20 | 1.8 | 46 | 1.9 |
| MATCH | 2 | Open | 337 | 23.4 | 268 | 24.4 | 673 | 27.1 |
|  | 3 |  | 184 | 12.8 | 125 | 11.4 | 302 | 12.1 |
|  | 4 |  | 52 | 3.6 | 58 | 5.3 | 126 | 5.1 |
|  | 5 |  | 83 | 5.8 | 294 | 26.8 | 283 | 11.4 |
|  | 6 |  | 596 | 41.4 | 232 | 21.1 | 723 | 29.1 |
|  | 7 |  | 164 | 11.4 | 201 | 18.3 | 333 | 13.4 |

|  |  |  | 73A |  | 75A |  | 75S |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LANDSAT: | 41 |  | 155 |  | 821 |  | 1693 |  |
|  | 1 |  | 0 |  | 4 | .5 | 0 |  |
| MATCH | 2 | Open | 77 | 49.7 | 410 | 49.9 | 779 | 46.0 |
|  | 3 |  | 47 | 30.3 | 221 | 26.9 | 521 | 30.7 |
|  | 4 |  | 3 | 1.9 | 9 | 1.1 | 44 | 2.6 |
|  | 5 |  | 9 | 5.8 | 53 | 6.5 | 67 | 4.0 |
|  | 6 |  | 14 | 9.0 | 55 | 6.7 | 177 | 10.5 |
|  | 7 |  | 5 | 3.2 | 69 | 8.4 | 105 | 6.2 |

## Tests of LANDSAT Data in Socio-Economic Models

The micro-level tests of the LANDSAT data would indicate a high degree of doubt with regard to the accuracy of the data. It may be, however, that at a macro level of analysis - the county - the summary data for LANDSAT are more accurate and that they may yet fit a statistical model such as the tax models. In order to test this hypothesis summary data were obtained for the 1976 LANDSAT interpretation of Ohio for 76 of the 88 counties in Ohio. The data for the remaining twelve counties were not available but an 86% sample is more than sufficient to test the statistical reliability of the data.

Data were obtained on tape from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The data were formatted with a county number, a county name, a LANDSAT category and an acreage figure. Only non-zero categories were on the tape. Thus, the first step in the analysis was to write a small program to fill in the zero acre categories. Following this, correlation and regression analyses were performed using SPSS. Data were input in the same form as for the tax models. Here, though, a LANDSAT category of land use, in acres, is the dependent variable, and population and employment data are the independent variables.

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## Results of the Macro Level and Modeling Tests

Table 69 is the list of variables used in the analysis. Table 67 shows the correlations among these variables. One way of analyzing the possibility of macro level errors is by comparing the correlations among the land use variables as defined by LANDSAT and those among land use variables as defined by tax categories. The tax category correlations are shown in Table 68. Here one can see that the correlations among LANDSAT categories is generally low. The highest coefficient is between urban center and urban residential (.56). All other correlations approach zero. In contrast, with the exception of agriculture, correlations among the tax categories were all above 0.90. In general, one would expect a high degree of correlation among urban categories and a high correlation between urban and agricultural categories. Failure to show such correlation is an indicator of misclassification. Thus, this first statistical test of the LANDSAT data shows some potential problems with the data.

A second analysis was carried out using regression. Here, the dependent variable was always a LANDSAT category and the independent variables were employment and estimated population. These regression equations are of the same form as the tax models. If the LANDSAT data are accurate at the macro level, statistically significant regression equations should result. Table 70 shows these regression results. One can see that in general, the level of explanation of these models is very low (Adjusted R Square x 100%). The exception to this is for urban residential which has an $R^2$ value of .73. One surprising result is that agricultural then vegetation has a significant relationship with the socio-economic variables. Since these variables are all urban oriented employment, it would appear that there is significant misclassification of urban land into this agricultural category.

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## Table 67

### Correlations Among LANDSAT Categories

**Variables**

|     | VO3 | VO4 | VO5 | VO6 | VO7 | VO8 | VO9 |
|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| VO3 | 1.0 |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| VO4 | 0.56 |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| VO5 | 0.09 | 0.09 | 1.0 |      |      |      |      |
| VO6 | 0.19 | 0.10 | 0.18 | 1.0 |      |      |      |
| VO7 | 0.07 | 0.27 | 0.02 | 0.23 | 1.0 |      |      |
| VO8 | 0.17 | 0.21 | 0.41 | 0.21 | -0.14 | 1.0 |      |
| VO9 | 0.01 | 0.38 | -0.07 | 0.25 | 0.46 | -0.30 | 1.0 |

## Table 68

### Correlations Among Tax Categories

|             | Agricultural | Industrial | Commercial | Residential |
|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Agricultural | 1.0 |      |      |      |
| Industrial  | -0.09 | 1.0 |      |      |
| Commercial  | -0.02 | 0.95 | 1.0 |      |
| Residential | -0.01 | 0.97 | 0.99 | 1.0 |

DOCUMENTATION FOR SPSS FILE 'NEW.NRST'

LIST OF THE    1 SUBFILES COMPRISING THE FILE

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DOCUMENTATION FOR THE   39 VARIABLES IN THE FILE 'NEW.NRST'

| REL<br>POS | VARIABLE<br>NAME | VARIABLE LABEL | MISSING<br>VALUES | PRT<br>FMT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | SEGNUM | | NONE | 0 |
| 2 | SUBFILE | | NONE | A |
| 3 | CASWGT | | NONE | 4 |
| 4 | V01 | COUNTY NO | NONE | 0 |
| 5 | V02 | COUNTY NAME | NONE | 0 |
| 6 | V03 | ACRES URB CENTER | NONE | 0 |
| 7 | V04 | ACRES URB RESIDENT | NONE | 0 |
| 8 | V05 | URBAN RES RANGE | NONE | 0 |
| 9 | V06 | AG THICK VEG | NONE | 0 |
| 10 | V07 | AG THIN VEG | NONE | 0 |
| 11 | V08 | AG BARE SOIL | NONE | 0 |
| 12 | V09 | AG PASTURE | NONE | 0 |
| 13 | V10 | RANGELAND URBAN | NONE | 0 |
| 14 | V11 | RANGELANDSCRUBLAND | NONE | 0 |
| 15 | V12 | RANGELAND MEADOWS | NONE | 0 |
| 16 | V13 | RANGELAND GRASSLAND | NONE | 0 |
| 17 | V14 | FOREST MIXED | NONE | 0 |
| 18 | V15 | WATER TURBID | NONE | 0 |
| 19 | V16 | WATER CLEAR | NONE | 0 |

Table 69                                          List of Variables in Regression Analysis

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DOCUMENTATION FOR THE   39 VARIABLES IN THE FILE 'NEW.NRST'

| REL POS | VARIABLE NAME | VARIABLE LABEL | MISSING VALUES | PRT FMT |
|---------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------|
| 20 | V17 | WETLAND NONFORESTED | NONE | 0 |
| 21 | V18 | WETLAND FORESTED | NONE | 0 |
| 22 | V19 | BARREN BARE | NONE | 0 |
| 23 | V20 | BARREN URBAN | NONE | 0 |
| 24 | V21 | BARREN QUARRY | NONE | 0 |
| 25 | V22 | BARREN SAND | NONE | 0 |
| 26 | V23 | BARREN SETTLING POND | NONE | 0 |
| 27 | V24 | UNIDENTIFIED | NONE | 0 |
| 28 | V25 | UNLISTED | NONE | 0 |
| 29 | V26 | EST 1974 POP | 999999. | 0 |
| 30 | V27 | TOTAL EMPLOY | 999999. | 0 |
| 31 | V28 | MINING EMPLOY | 999999. | 0 |
| 32 | V29 | CONSTRUCTION EMPLOY | 999999. | 0 |
| 33 | V30 | MFG EMPLOY | 999999. | 0 |
| 34 | V31 | TRANS EMPLOY | 999999. | 0 |
| 35 | V32 | WHOLESALE EMPLOY | 999999. | 0 |
| 36 | V33 | FINANCE EMPLOY | 999999. | 0 |
| 37 | V34 | SERVICE EMPLOY | 999999. | 0 |
| 38 | V35 | GOVERNMENT EMPLOY | 999999. | 0 |
| 39 | V36 | CARD NO | 999999. | 0 |

Table 69  (cont.)                    List of Variables in Regression Analysis

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * M U L T I P L E   R E G R E S S I O N * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *  VARIABLE LIST 1
                                                                                                               REGRESSION LIST 1

DEPENDENT VARIABLE..     VO3          ACRES URB CENTER

VARIABLE(S) ENTERED ON STEP NUMBER  1..     V26          EST 1974 POP
                                            V27          TOTAL EMPLOY
                                            V30          MFG EMPLOY
                                            V31          TRANS EMPLOY
                                            V32          WHOLESALE EMPLOY
                                            V33          FINANCE EMPLOY
                                            V34          SERVICE EMPLOY

| | | ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE | DF | SUM OF SQUARES | MEAN SQUARE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MULTIPLE R | 0.64559 | REGRESSION | 7. | 138395459.91579 | 19770779.98797 | F |
| R SQUARE | 0.41678 | RESIDUAL | 43. | 193660980.59402 | 4503743.73474 | 4.38985 |
| ADJUSTED R SQUARE | 0.32184 | | | | | |
| STANDARD ERROR | 2122.20257 | | | | | |

------------------ VARIABLES IN THE EQUATION ------------------          ------------- VARIABLES NOT IN THE EQUATION -------------

| VARIABLE | B | BETA | STD ERROR B | F | | VARIABLE | BETA IN | PARTIAL | TOLERANCE | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| V26 | 0.00604 | 0.44992 | 0.02400 | 0.063 | | | | | | |
| V27 | 0.07286 | 2.29703 | 0.35952 | 0.041 | | | | | | |
| V30 | -0.22324 | -2.16154 | 0.31396 | 0.506 | | | | | | |
| V31 | -0.29765 | -0.48606 | 0.68643 | 0.188 | | | | | | |
| V32 | 0.81946 | 6.51014 | 0.60003 | 1.865 | | | | | | |
| V33 | -0.94677 | -1.88763 | 0.92710 | 1.043 | | | | | | |
| V34 | -0.79258 | -4.47841 | 0.54122 | 2.145 | | | | | | |
| (CONSTANT) | 778.59401 | | | | | | | | | |

ALL VARIABLES ARE IN THE EQUATION

Table 70                                          Regression results

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* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * M U L T I P L E    R E G R E S S I O N * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *    VARIABLE LIST 1
                                                                                                                    REGRESSION LIST 1

DEPENDENT VARIABLE..    V03          ACRES URB CENTER

SUMMARY TABLE

| VARIABLE | | MULTIPLE R | R SQUARE | RSQ CHANGE | SIMPLE R | B | BETA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| V26 | EST 1974 POP | 0.41266 | 0.17029 | 0.17029 | 0.41266 | 0.00604 | 0.44992 |
| V27 | TOTAL EMPLOY | 0.45199 | 0.20429 | 0.03401 | 0.39008 | 0.07286 | 2.29703 |
| V30 | MFG EMPLOY | 0.55396 | 0.30687 | 0.10257 | 0.29184 | -0.22324 | -2.16154 |
| V31 | TRANS EMPLOY | 0.56507 | 0.31931 | 0.01244 | 0.35865 | -0.29765 | -0.48606 |
| V32 | WHOLESALE EMPLOY | 0.62182 | 0.38665 | 0.06735 | 0.42470 | 0.81946 | 6.51014 |
| V33 | FINANCE EMPLOY | 0.62265 | 0.38770 | 0.00104 | 0.40619 | -0.94677 | -1.88763 |
| V34 | SERVICE EMPLOY | 0.64559 | 0.41678 | 0.02909 | 0.41485 | -0.79258 | -4.47841 |
| (CONSTANT) | | | | | | 778.59401 | |

Table 70 (cont.)                                         Regression Results

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* M U L T I P L E   R E G R E S S I O N \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*         VARIABLE LIST  1
                                                                                                        REGRESSION LIST  2

DEPENDENT VARIABLE..    VC4        ACRES URB RESIDENT

VARIABLE(S) ENTERED ON STEP NUMBER  1..     V26          EST 1974 POP
                                          V27          TOTAL EMPLOY
                                          V30          MFG EMPLOY
                                          V31          TRANS EMPLOY
                                          V32          WHOLFSALE EMPLOY
                                          V33          FINANCE EMPLOY
                                          V34          SERVICE EMPLOY

| | | | ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE | DF | SUM OF SQUARES | MEAN SQUARE | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MULTIPLE R | 0.87728 | | REGRESSION | 7. | 2404747075.91867 | 343535296.55981 | 20.52219 |
| R SQUARE | 0.76963 | | RESIDUAL | 43. | 719807012.82643 | 16739697.97271 | |
| ADJUSTED R SQUARE | 0.73213 | | | | | | |
| STANDARD ERROR | 4091.41760 | | | | | | |

------------- VARIABLES IN THE EQUATION -------------                          ------------- VARIABLES NOT IN THE EQUATION -------------

| VARIABLE | B | BETA | STD ERROR B | F | | VARIABLE | BETA IN | PARTIAL | TOLERANCE | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| V26 | 0.01211 | 0.29422 | 0.04626 | 0.069 | | | | | | |
| V27 | -0.19879 | -2.04298 | 0.69313 | 0.082 | | | | | | |
| V30 | -0.31650 | -1.00027 | 0.60528 | 0.274 | | | | | | |
| V31 | -2.56858 | -1.36736 | 1.32338 | 3.767 | | | | | | |
| V32 | 3.24370 | 8.40069 | 1.15680 | 7.863 | | | | | | |
| V33 | -2.44200 | -1.58721 | 1.78737 | 1.867 | | | | | | |
| V34 | -1.19085 | -2.19356 | 1.04343 | 1.303 | | | | | | |
| (CONSTANT) | 2805.94365 | | | | | | | | | |

ALL VARIABLES ARE IN THE EQUATION

Table 70 (cont.)                               Regression Results

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *  M U L T I P L E    R E G R E S S I O N  * * * * * * * * * * * * * *    VARIABLE LIST  1
                                                                                                                       REGRESSION LIST  2
DEPENDENT VARIABLE..     V04          ACRES URB RESIDENT

SUMMARY TABLE

| VARIABLE | | MULTIPLE R | R SQUARE | RSQ CHANGE | SIMPLE R | B | BETA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| V26 | EST 1974 POP | 0.61371 | 0.37664 | 0.37664 | 0.61371 | 0.01211 | 0.29422 |
| V27 | TOTAL EMPLOY | 0.64854 | 0.42060 | 0.04396 | 0.58717 | -0.19879 | -2.04298 |
| V20 | MFG EMPLOY | 0.76158 | 0.58000 | 0.15940 | 0.46083 | -0.31690 | -1.00027 |
| V31 | TRANS EMPLOY | 0.78486 | 0.61601 | 0.03601 | 0.54185 | -2.56858 | -1.36736 |
| V32 | WHOLESALE EMPLOY | 0.87085 | 0.75838 | 0.14238 | 0.63211 | 3.24370 | 8.40069 |
| V33 | FINANCE EMPLOY | 0.87330 | 0.76265 | 0.00427 | 0.59910 | -2.44200 | -1.58721 |
| V34 | SERVICE EMPLOY | 0.87728 | 0.76963 | 0.00698 | 0.62397 | -1.19085 | -2.19356 |
| (CONSTANT) | | | | | | 2805.94365 | |

Table 70 (cont.)                              Regression Results·

FILE   NEW.NRST (CREATION DATE = 05/28/77)

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * M U L T I P L E   R E G R E S S I O N * * * * * * * * * * * * *      VARIABLE LIST  1
                                                                                                             REGRESSION LIST  3

DEPENDENT VARIABLE..    V06        AG THICK VEG

VARIABLE(S) ENTERED ON STEP NUMBER   1..    V26        EST 1974 POP
                                            V27        TOTAL EMPLOY
                                            V30        MFG EMPLOY
                                            V31        TRANS EMPLOY
                                            V32        WHOLESALE EMPLOY
                                            V33        FINANCE EMPLOY
                                            V34        SERVICE EMPLOY

MULTIPLE R              0.28846                    ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE      DF        SUM OF SQUARES          MEAN SQUARE              F
R SQUARE               0.08321                     REGRESSION                7.    1601396530.61784      228770932.94541         0.55755
ADJUSTED R SQUARE     -0.06603                     RESIDUAL                 43.   17643658288.71549      410317634.62129
STANDARD ERROR    20256.29864

------------------ VARIABLES IN THE EQUATION ------------------                ------------- VARIABLES NOT IN THE EQUATION -------------
VARIABLE         B           BETA       STD ERROR B        F                   VARIABLE      BETA IN      PARTIAL     TOLERANCE           F

V26        -0.09269      -0.90713       0.22904          0.164
V27         1.70316       7.05275       3.43162          0.246
V30        -2.02330      -2.57332       2.99671          0.456
V31         1.17673       0.25241       6.55197          0.032
V32         3.13691       3.27348       5.72723          0.300
V33        -6.84823      -1.79349       8.84912          0.599
V34        -7.55265      -5.60567       5.16592          2.137
(CONSTANT) 21945.89703

ALL VARIABLES ARE IN THE EQUATION

Table 70 (cont.)                                    Regression Results

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* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * M U L T I P L E    R E G R E S S I O N * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

DEPENDENT VARIABLE..    VO6        AG THICK VEG                                                           VARIABLE LIST  1
                                                                                                         REGRESSION LIST  3

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| | | SUMMARY TABLE | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | MULTIPLE R | R SQUARE | RSQ CHANGE | SIMPLE R | B | | BETA |
| V26 | EST 1974 POP | 0.12240 | 0.01498 | 0.01498 | -0.12240 | -0.09269 | | -0.90713 |
| V27 | TOTAL EMPLOY | 0.12338 | 0.01522 | 0.00024 | -0.12336 | 1.70316 | | 7.05275 |
| V30 | MFG EMPLOY | 0.16549 | 0.02739 | 0.01216 | -0.14854 | -2.02330 | | -2.57332 |
| V31 | TRANS EMPLOY | 0.16909 | 0.02859 | 0.00120 | -0.12515 | 1.17673 | | 0.25241 |
| V32 | WHOLESALE EMPLOY | 0.19399 | 0.03763 | 0.00904 | -0.11037 | 3.13691 | | 3.27348 |
| V33 | FINANCE EMPLOY | 0.19401 | 0.03764 | 0.00000 | -0.10172 | -6.84823 | | -1.79349 |
| V34 | SERVICE EMPLOY | 0.28846 | 0.08321 | 0.04557 | -0.11959 | -7.55265 | | -5.60567 |
| (CONSTANT) | | | | | | 21945.89703 | | |

Table 70 (cont.)                          Regression Results

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *  M U L T I P L E   R E G R E S S I O N  * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

DEPENDENT VARIABLE..    VO7            AG THIN VEG

VARIABLE(S) ENTERED ON STEP NUMBER  1..    V26      EST 1974 POP
                                           V27      TOTAL EMPLOY
                                           V30      MFG EMPLOY
                                           V31      TRANS EMPLOY
                                           V32      WHOLESALE EMPLOY
                                           V33      FINANCE EMPLOY
                                           V34      SERVICE EMPLOY

| | | | ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE | DF | SUM OF SQUARES | MEAN SQUARE | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MULTIPLE R | 0.62057 | | REGRESSION | 7. | 68251189088.64470 | 9750169869.80639 | 3.84722 |
| R SQUARE | 0.38510 | | RESIDUAL | 43. | 108976675885.35529 | 2534341299.65943 | |
| ADJUSTED R SQUARE | 0.28500 | | | | | | |
| STANDARD ERROR | 50342.24170 | | | | | | |

---------------- VARIABLES IN THE EQUATION ----------------

| VARIABLE | B | BETA | STD ERROR B | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| V26 | 1.33172 | 4.29502 | 0.56922 | 5.473 |
| V27 | -15.57252 | -21.24980 | 8.52848 | 3.334 |
| V30 | 12.44520 | 5.21592 | 7.44762 | 2.792 |
| V31 | 7.25096 | 0.51252 | 16.28336 | 0.198 |
| V32 | 48.10925 | 16.54362 | 14.23368 | 11.424 |
| V33 | 29.60955 | 2.55533 | 21.99239 | 1.813 |
| V34 | -30.48836 | -7.45686 | 12.83868 | 5.639 |
| (CONSTANT) | 84047.41950 | | | |

---------------- VARIABLES NOT IN THE EQUATION ----------------

| VARIABLE | BETA IN | PARTIAL | TOLERANCE | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|

ALL VARIABLES ARE IN THE EQUATION

Table 70 (cont.)                          Regression Results

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* M U L T I P L E   R E G R E S S I O N \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*   VARIABLE LIST 1
DEPENDENT VARIABLE..    VO7        AG THIN VEG                                                                           REGRESSION LIST 4

## SUMMARY TABLE

| VARIABLE | | MULTIPLE R | R SQUARE | RSQ CHANGE | SIMPLE R | B | BETA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| V26 | EST 1974 POP | 0.10361 | 0.01073 | 0.01073 | 0.10361 | 1.33172 | 4.29502 |
| V27 | TOTAL EMPLOY | 0.31114 | 0.09681 | 0.08608 | 0.07099 | -15.57252 | -21.24980 |
| V30 | MFG EMPLOY | 0.32934 | 0.10846 | 0.01165 | 0.10133 | 12.44520 | 5.21592 |
| V31 | TRANS EMPLOY | 0.37541 | 0.14093 | 0.03247 | 0.02436 | 7.25096 | 0.51252 |
| V32 | WHOLESALE EMPLOY | 0.40740 | 0.16597 | 0.02504 | 0.06916 | 48.10925 | 16.54362 |
| V33 | FINANCE EMPLOY | 0.55178 | 0.30446 | 0.13849 | 0.03714 | 29.60955 | 2.55533 |
| V34 | SERVICE EMPLOY | 0.62057 | 0.38510 | 0.08064 | 0.04445 | -30.48836 | -7.45686 |
| (CONSTANT) | | | | | | 84047.41950 | |

Table 70 (cont.)                                    Regression Results

## Conclusions

A number of conclusions can be drawn with regard to the use of LANDSAT data in socio-economic, land use modeling. These are as follows:

1) Significant, substantial misclassification and misalignment problems occur at the micro scale.

2) Significant misclassification errors occur at the macro scale.

3) Results indicate that the LANDSAT data for Ohio are not of high enough accuracy to be used in a modeling framework. These results apply only to these data. Similar tests of errors are needed using other data in different areas with different interpretation methods than those used by Bendix Corporation.

4) One category of LANDSAT (Urban Residential) does form a significant relationship with the socio-economic data. This indicates that a more accurate LANDSAT data base in the future could lead to a set of simulation models of the same type as the tax models. Accuracy in all categories would need to go above 90% in order for such models to be reasonably accurate and useful.

## Recommendations

A number of recommendations can be made as a result of the three stages of this research. These can be summarized as follows:

1) The project developed several models of property tax base which were programmed for use by the Department of Economic and Community Development. Use of these products should be made whenever possible.

2) More testing needs to be done on the micro and macro level errors associated with LANDSAT interpretations. Testing should follow the methodologies developed in this study in order to quantify, in a comparable manner, the errors associated with LANDSAT, and to improve interpretation technologies. Comparisons should be made of different interpretation techniques in various geographic areas.

3) Given an improvement in interpretation accuracy (to approximately 90% correct), additional effort should be expended to estimate and verify LANDSAT based socio-economic, land use models for Ohio in a form comparable to the tax models.

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# INTRODUCTION

This volume reports the work on Development of New Applications of LANDSAT technology. Initial cooperative research efforts among NASA, the State Government of Ohio and Battelle's Columbus Laboratories between 1972 and 1974 demonstrated technical feasibility of using LANDSAT acquired data in various land use planning resource management and environmental programs.

The follow-on LANDSAT 2 program involved work to develop new application possibilities and promotion of user awareness. Building on its past involvement, Battelle was given the responsibility to work in this third element of the State LANDSAT follow-on program.

## OVERALL PROJECT OBJECTIVE, SCOPE AND RESEARCH PLAN

The overall objective of the Battelle project in support of the NASA-Ohio LANDSAT follow-on program was to assist in the technical development of practical methods for routinely using LANDSAT data in Ohio. The Battelle responsibilities actually included functional objectives under two major project activities: (1) new application analyses and (2) user awareness activities.

Most of the project effort related to evaluating new application possibilities for using LANDSAT-type data for economic, resource and community development interests in Ohio. Actually, four explicit research tasks were undertaken. Two of the tasks had economic and resource development significance and involved the analysis/evaluation of LANDSAT and high-altitude aerial data for oil/gas exploration use and woodland surveys in the State. Another of the tasks emphasized the development of procedures for

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improving LANDSAT data use in urban land use planning applications. The fourth task involved a preliminary assessment of the feasibility of using repetitive LANDSAT data for monitoring/modeling sedimentation dynamics in Lake Erie. The overall research plan for undertaking the four specific evaluation tasks showing the role of Battelle and the Ohio Department of Economic and Community Development is shown in Figure 1.

The scope of the remaining project effort related to user awareness activities and involved primarily staff interactions between Battelle and potential user personnel.
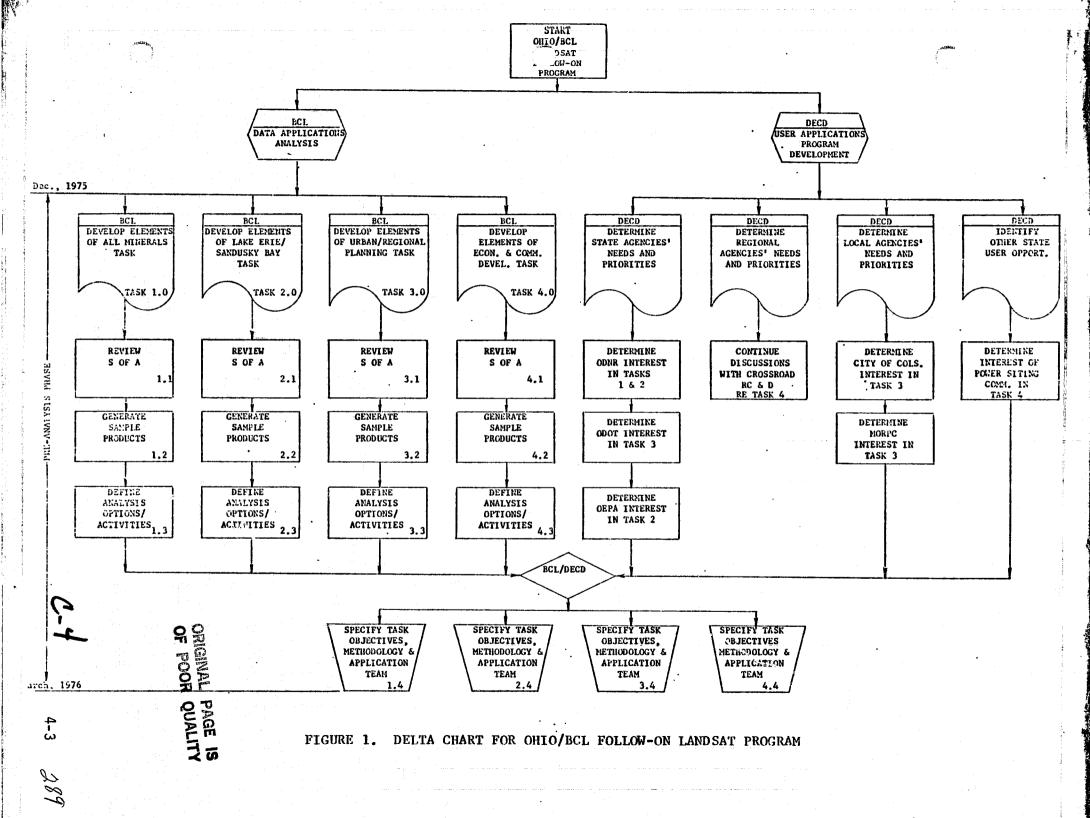
## PRINCIPAL DATA SOURCES

The principal data which were available and analyzed for the different LANDSAT study tasks are shown in the matrix in Table 1. Other information and data used were in the form of documents and reference material containing, in several cases, as in the sedimentation task, actual field survey measurements.

TABLE 1. PRINCIPAL DATA AVAILABLE AND ANALYZED

| Task Identification | LANDSAT Imagery | LANDSAT CCT Tapes | Skylab Imagery | High-Altitude A/C | Low-Level A/C | Ground Truth |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Linear Analysis | x | | x | x | | |
| 2. Lake Erie Sedimentation | x | | | | | |
| 3. Urban Land Use | x | x | | x | x | x |
| 4. Woodland Analysis | x | | x | x | x | x |

Initially proposed study areas where NASA overflight data were required are shown in Figure 2. Extremely high-quality NASA aerial color IR imagery was provided and most effectively utilized in the Columbus/

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FIGURE 1. DELTA CHART FOR OHIO/BCL FOLLOW-ON LANDSAT PROGRAM

| BCL 1.5 | BCL 2.5 | BCL 3.5 | BCL 4.5 |
|---|---|---|---|
| DEVELOP EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE FOR USING LANDSAT DATA ALL-MINERAL SURFACE MINING | DEVELOP EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE FOR USING LANDSAT DATA FOR MAPPING LAKE ERIE SEDIMENTATION | DEVELOP EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE FOR USING LANDSAT AND A/C DATA FOR URBAN/REGIONAL PLANNING | DEVELOP OTHER EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES FOR USING LANDSAT DATA FOR OHIO ECON. AND COMM. DEVELOP IN OHIO |

**1.51 BCL/DECD STUDY SITE SELECTION**

| BCL 1.52 |
|---|
| UNDERTAKE ON-SITE RADIOMETRIC SURVEYS |

**2.51 BCL/DECD SELECT STUDY SITES**

| DECD 2.52 |
|---|
| ACQUIRE OSU-EPA DATA BASE ON SANDUSKY BAY |

| BCL 3.51 |
|---|
| PERFORM DETAILED LAND USE ANALYSIS OF COLUMBUS/ FRANKLIN COUNTY FROM HIGH-ALT. AC DATA |

| BCL/DECD 4.51 |
|---|
| REVIEW AND SELECT TASK TOPICS FROM OPTIONS INCLUDING (1) POWER PLANT SITING, (2) URBAN GROWTH AND/OR (3) TIMBER SURVEYS |

| BCL 1.53 | BCL 2.53 | BCL 3.52 |
|---|---|---|
| PERFORM LANDSAT DATA ANALYSIS | UNDERTAKE ANALYSIS USING LANDSAT, A/C, AND GROUND BASED DATA | DIGITIZE LAND USE INTERPRETATIONS |

| BCL 1.54 | BCL 2.54 | BCL 3.53 |
|---|---|---|
| IDENTIFY SURFACE FEATURES OF POTENTIAL INTEREST | EVALUATE AND DOCUMENT ABILITY TO DISCERN/QUANTIFY SEDIMENTATION LEVELS | TEST/EVALUATE FEASIBILITY OF COMBINING WITH LANDSAT OHIO LAND USE INVENTORY |

| BCL 1.55 | BCL 2.55 |
|---|---|
| PREPARE MATRIX AND MAP WITH TECH CONCLUSIONS RELATIVE TO USE IMPLICATIONS | PREPARE DEMONSTRATION MAP OF SEASONAL SEDIMENT DISTRIBUTION (SANDUSKY BAY) |

| DECD/BCL 5.0 |
|---|
| ACQUIRE USER VIEWS AS TO OPERATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND/OR LIMITATIONS |

| DECD/BCL 5.1 |
|---|
| PREPARE FINAL REPORT |

FIGURE 1.  (Continued)

FIGURE 2.   PROPOSED OHIO LANDSAT 2 STUDY AREAS

(NASA Aircraft CIR photographic coverage
obtained on August 18, 1975, and/or
May 22, 1976.)

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Franklin County urban land use study. In other tasks, such as the North-east Ohio woodland survey, the low quality and late arrival of aircraft imagery restricted its effective use. In general, the following factors limited the use of the high-altitude aircraft data:

(1) Acquisition and receipt of overflight data were too late in the program to provide adequate time for meaningful analysis

(2) Weather conditions over some of the study areas were poor and the imagery acquired was of very low quality

(3) Camera settings appeared to have been preselected for study sites in areas other than in Ohio, resulting in incorrectly exposed film

(4) Vignetting was present on all film received.
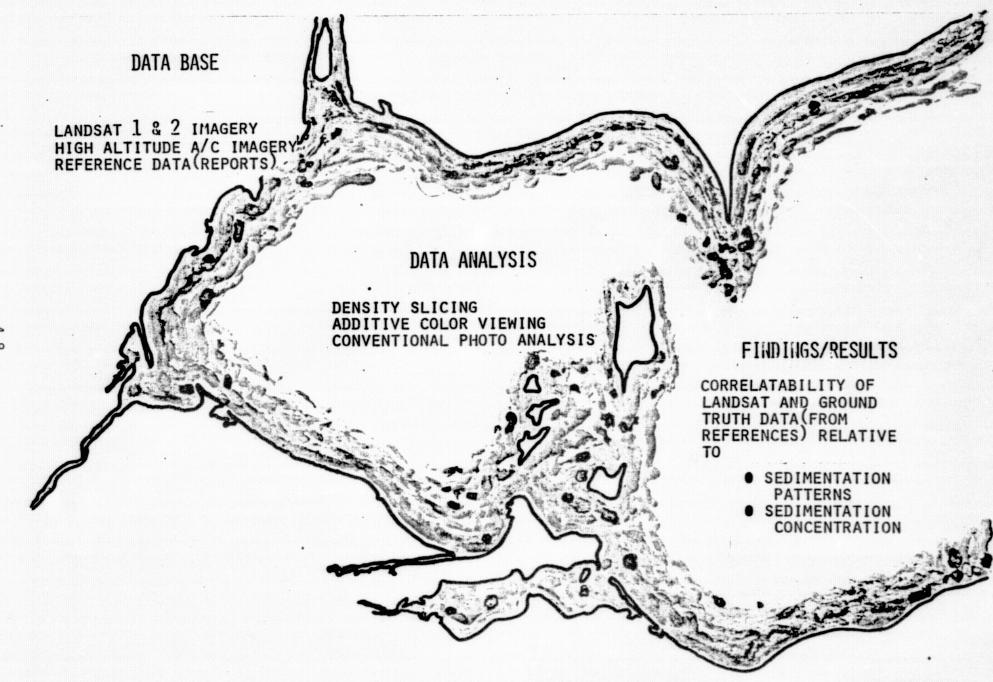
## SUMMARY OF PROJECT RESULTS AND APPLICATION IMPLICATIONS
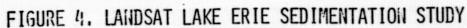
A pictorial synopsis of each of the major LANDSAT follow-on tasks undertaken by Battelle is presented in Figures 3 through 6. These figures show the data base, the analysis methods, and the major results associated with each of the data application tasks. In brief, the linear mapping and the urban land use analysis studies were the more successful efforts, and the results are of potential major relevance to subsequent efforts to use LANDSAT data operationally in Ohio. The other LANDSAT data application studies were not as positive, and will require more research before operational use can be recommended. A brief summary of the significant results and application implications for each study follows.
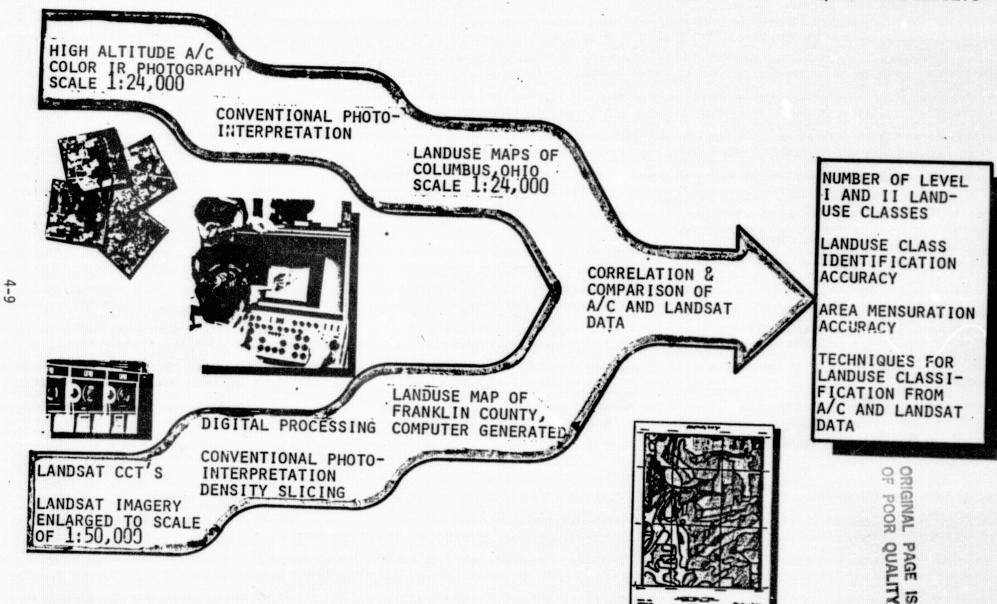
### Ohio LANDSAT Imagery Linear Analysis

This task was both timely, in terms of current Ohio needs and interests in increasing oil and natural gas production in the area, and significant in terms of the positive results obtained. The task clearly demonstrated how linear and curvilinear features of potential significance for oil and gas exploration activities in Ohio and surrounding areas can be identified and mapped using small-scale LANDSAT imagery and unsophisticated photo-interpretation techniques.

FIGURE 3. OHIO LANDSAT IMAGERY LINEAR ANALYSIS

DATA BASE

LANDSAT 1 & 2 IMAGERY
HIGH ALTITUDE A/C IMAGERY
REFERENCE DATA(REPORTS)

DATA ANALYSIS

DENSITY SLICING
ADDITIVE COLOR VIEWING
CONVENTIONAL PHOTO ANALYSIS

FINDINGS/RESULTS

CORRELATABILITY OF
LANDSAT AND GROUND
TRUTH DATA(FROM
REFERENCES) RELATIVE
TO

● SEDIMENTATION
  PATTERNS
● SEDIMENTATION
  CONCENTRATION

FIGURE 4. LANDSAT LAKE ERIE SEDIMENTATION STUDY

FIGURE 5. LANDSAT AND AIRCRAFT LAND USE ANALYSIS OF COLUMBUS/FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO AREA

FIGURE 6. NORTHEAST OHIO/TRUMBULL COUNTY WOODLAND INVENTORY STUDY

A preliminary correlation of mapped LANDSAT linears of approximately two-thirds of Ohio showing dominant linear trends (length and direction) with established geological and geophysical trends was quite positive, resulting in the following principal conclusions:

- Conventional LANDSAT imagery is more responsive to regional-sized linear identification and mapping than is aircraft imagery. The lower resolution of current LANDSAT imagery ($\approx$ 80 meters) is well suited for large area analysis and, in fact, actually obscures roads and other cultural features often misinterpreted as linears on high-resolution imagery. However, for very localized (large scale) linear analysis, increased resolution of LANDSAT imagery or the use of high-altitude aircraft data is required.

- Over 600 LANDSAT linear features of Ohio have been identified and mapped which are considered to be potentially geologically significant and should encourage commercial exploratory investigation, which may result in increased resource discovery.

- If, when field checked, Ohio LANDSAT lineations correlate with joint patterns, the probability of fracture-enhanced reservoirs in the trend of the lineations of production significance will be established.

- LANDSAT-derived lineations represent new investigative evidence which, when coupled with conventional exploration tools, could inexpensively increase the discovery rate of oil, gas, and other minerals in Ohio.

Federal and State Government personnel and independent Ohio oil and gas operators contacted during this study are optimistic relative to the potential of using LANDSAT imagery for mapping geological linears in Ohio and surrounding Appalachia areas, and recommended (1) the systematic preparation of first-generation (experimental) LANDSAT linear maps and atlases for public distribution and use, (2) additional effort to improve and standardize the linear analysis and mapping techniques, and (3) more analysis and field work to verify and document the feasibility of using LANDSAT data operationally for linear analysis in the Appalachia region.

## LANDSAT Lake Erie Sedimentation Analysis

This task set out to demonstrate that repetitive, multi-spectral LANDSAT data could be effectively used to identify, measure, and model

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changes in sediment loading in Lake Erie. Unfortunately, anticipated on-the-lake measurements of sedimentation commensurate with LANDSAT overpasses planned by other Lake Erie researchers were not obtained, necessitating that ground truth data collected at a water quality monitoring station on a tributary of Lake Erie be used in the correlative analysis. Consequently, differences in Lake Erie sediment loading derived from LANDSAT imagery analysis and that measured directly in the tributary of Lake Erie during LANDSAT overpasses could not be effectively explained. Therefore, even though some good agreements were found for the 1973-1976 analysis period, the results for other periods were too variable to justify any final conclusion regarding the operational potential of such a technique. However, additional and more extensive research efforts should clarify uncertainties noted in this brief analysis and result in the development of a methodology for operational use.

### LANDSAT and Aircraft Urban Land Use Analysis of Columbus/ Franklin County, Ohio

Much concern exists nationally as to the potential of using computer-processed LANDSAT data for inventorying and mapping land uses, particularly in regions experiencing significant development or change such as urban areas. Findings to date have represented two extremes. Some investigators tend to overstate the LANDSAT data use potential, while others are overcritical of the detail and accuracy limitations of current LANDSAT data use. The State of Ohio is in the process of generating a state-wide land use inventory based on computer-processed LANDSAT data. This task was established to experimentally assess the opportunities and limitations of using such data operationally, particularly for the larger, complex metropolitan areas.

An overview of the data analysis procedures and results of this task, which basically compared high-altitude aerial and LANDSAT data, is shown in Figure 5. In brief, the state user-personnel want to know whether they can implement the operational use of computer-processed LANDSAT data. The results of this correlative analysis suggest that the LANDSAT land use inventory can be effectively and confidently utilized in nonurban areas and for selected planning interests (such as for new growth trends) in the

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larger urbanized areas. Further, to meet the more detailed needs of land use planners and state decision-makers, it is practical and expedient to incorporate digitized results of aerial photointerpretation of selected land use classes for the more dynamic metropolitan areas in Ohio. In all cases, an attempt should be made to prepare color-coded land use outputs for end-user distribution rather than conventional black and white alpha-numeric computer printouts, which are difficult to use.

## Woodland Survey of Northeastern Ohio

Prior research had demonstrated that economical and accurate inventories of total forestland in Ohio using Skylab and LANDSAT data were feasible. However, planners involved in the development of the timber industry in Northeastern Ohio need more detailed information about the type and condition of timber stands before such remote sensing data can be used routinely. Accordingly, this task set out to determine if high-altitude aerial color infrared imagery could provide the needed detailed information. Figure 6 shows an overview of the task.

Emphasis was placed on delineating woodland boundaries, stand composition, stand maturity, cut and reseeded areas and tree stress due to grapevine infestation. Sample forest areas in Trumbull, Mahoning and Franklin Counties were selected to provide representative forest areas of predominantly oak, maple, and pine stands. Conventional techniques were applied to determine forest parameter detail, such as tree height, crown diameter, etc. Machine aided techniques were also explored to determine the feasibility of using computerized processing techniques. It was found that the high altitude aircraft imagery is suitable for delineating most pertinent forest parameters. The possibility of using temporal LANDSAT MSS data in conjunction with high-altitude aircraft and ground truth data was also investigated. The result of this effort suggests that it may be feasible to perform detailed computerized forest inventories of Ohio forest-lands, provided such inventories are made in <u>concert with extensive aircraft and ground truth data</u>.

TASK 1.  OHIO LANDSAT IMAGERY LINEAR ANALYSIS

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### Background

In the initial plans for follow-on LANDSAT investigations in Ohio, consideration was given to evaluating/demonstrating the potential of using LANDSAT data for resource discovery (all minerals) interests in Ohio. The plan was to identify from surface spectral signatures possible mineral sites (e.g., sand, ground, limestone, etc.) of exploration interest. However, because of the recent and critical need to increase oil and natural gas production in the Eastern United States in general and specifically in Ohio, this task was confined to demonstrating the feasibility of using LANDSAT data for identifying structural linears of potential oil and gas exploration significance.

Joints and fracture systems in rock strata are potential reservoir locations for accumulated oil and gas. These systems may result from lateral tension or compression geologic forces applied to the rock strata and can also result from differential rebound of the Earth's crust after the removal of vertical and shear ice loads as developed from continental glaciation.

Joints and fractures can manifest themselves as linear or curvilinear features on the Earth's surface and appear on aerial imagery as photolinears. Much of the work done in the past has been accomplished utilizing aerial photography for linear analysis. The scale of these data is such that each image covers only a limited localized area, thus making the mapping of extensive, subtle, regional linears within a large area very difficult. Each LANDSAT image, on the other hand, covers an area of 34,000 square kilometers, providing the regional view needed to rapidly survey linear features over a large area with minimum scale distortion.

### Objective and Scope

The task plan was to identify and plot linear and curvilinear features over a large portion of Ohio utilizing LANDSAT imagery. This was to be accomplished utilizing currently accepted (conventional) analysis

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procedures. It was also planned to identify other interpretive methods which could be effectively utilized in identifying linears. Primarily, LANDSAT color composites and black and white imagery were to be evaluated. Skylab and high-altitude aircraft images were also to be briefly analyzed for purposes of comparison. Field verification providing ground truth for the identified linears was not a part of the planned program.

Three 9 by 9-in. LANDSAT color composite transparencies at a scale of 1:1,000,000, covering a large portion of the State of Ohio and portions of adjacent states, were examined to identify linear and curvilinear features (Figure 7). These scenes are as follows:

| South Central Ohio | E1228 15431 | 8 March 73 |
| Central Ohio | E1228 15424 | 8 March 73 |
| West Central Ohio | E1605 15312 | 20 March 74. |

The scenes were chosen on the basis of cloud-free and varied geomorphic conditions. The image dates were chosen to occur in the early spring, due to the lack of foliage and vigorous vegetation, thus presenting a better view of the geomorphic features. All three above listed areas contain oil and gas fields.

## Methodology

Two methods, both manual, were utilized primarily in the interpretation of the imagery. The unaided eye was the first method used. The photointerpreter scanned the imagery to identify features which appeared to be aligned with one another on straight line features, circular anomalies and curvilinear features. The second method utilized a diffraction grating of 200 lines per in. The grating was held by hand, at about 8 to 12 in. from the image, near the interpreter's eye, and rotated very slowly 360 deg in the same plane as the image. Features which were aligned formed an enhanced or intensified straight line when at right angles to the rulings.
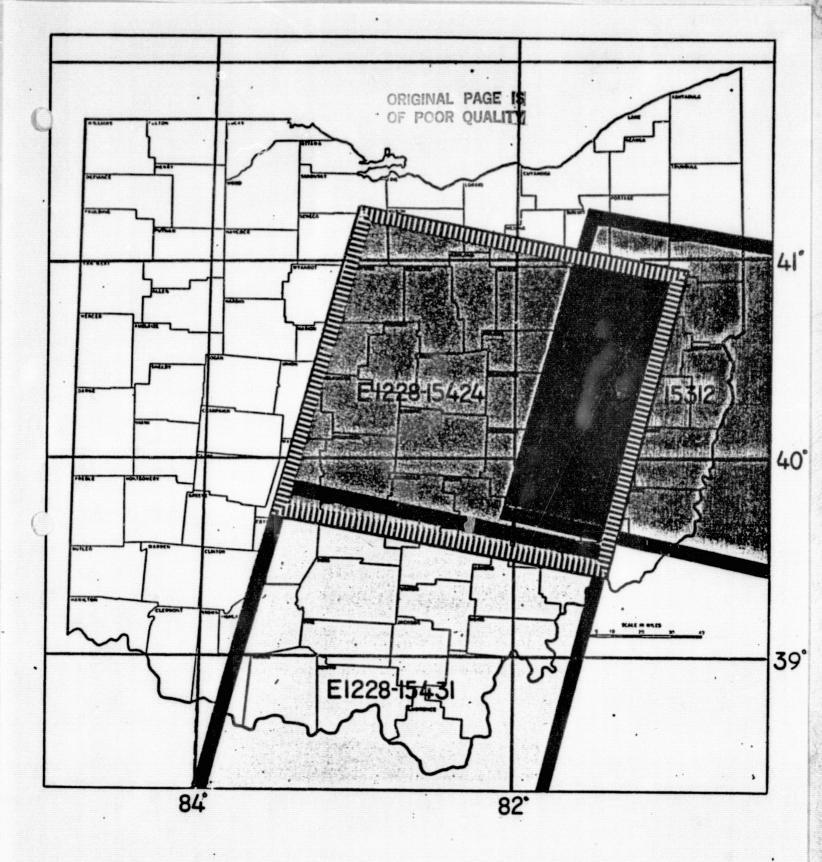
FIGURE 7. MAP SHOWING THE PORTION OF OHIO AND
SURROUNDING AREAS COVERED BY LANDSAT
LINEAR MAPPING TASK

Features which were continuous and linear were also enhanced when at right angles to the rulings. Circular anomalies and curvilinear features were best recognized using the unaided eye method; however, some circular anomalies were identified using the diffraction grating on a LANDSAT frame other than the frames used in this study. Inspection was made of an area containing a heavy concentration of linearly oriented ridges and valleys. The grating tended to subdue the visual prominence of these structures and allowed a clearer view of circular features which were obscured by the structural linearity of the area. The features appeared as short linears moving tangentially to and along the curve as the grating was rotated.

Each photo transparency was covered with clear plastic overlay material, and tick marks were drawn on the overlay to correspond with the photo registration marks. With the photos attached to a light box, the interpreter proceeded, using the unaided eye method, to scan the photos for: linear features, features which although segmented presented themselves in an aligned pattern, circular anomalies and curvilinear features. The features were plotted on the overlays for all three LANDSAT images. The interpreter then replaced the overlays with clean ones, again plotted the registration marks, and then using the 1-in.-square 200 line per in. Ronchi ruling (diffraction grating) proceeded to inspect each image again for the features. A method was devised for mounting the grating on a tripod while still retaining the ability to rotate the grating 360 deg. The grating was rotated and stopped at very short intervals throughout 360 deg. (Each linear is repeated twice in 360 deg, there being two times when the rulings and the linear are at right angles.) At every stop the interpreter plotted all linears visible. This step was repeated numerous times until the interpreter felt that he had plotted all linears.

These overlays were then removed, and each was registered with the complementary overlay produced by the unaided eye method. The next step involved placing each linear overlay in a projector system. Each was projected onto 1:250,000-scale topographic sheets. The linears for each photo and map area were then plotted on the maps. Linears which were identified by the unaided eye method only were annotated in blue. Linears which were identified using both methods were annotated in red and those identified

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by diffraction grating alone were plotted in black. These three overlays are shown separately for each scene in the Results section of this report. The oil and gas fields which are plotted on the toposheets were outlined on the maps using colored tape. The borders of these were estimated.

## Results

A large number of linears were identified using both the unaided eye and the diffraction grating methods (approximately 600 for 3 images). Figures 8a, 9a, and 10a show linears identified with the unaided eye for the three LANDSAT scenes analyzed. Figures 8b, 9b, and 10b show the results of the diffraction grating analysis for the same three scenes. The total linears identified using both methods are shown in Figures 8c, 9c, and 10c.

A larger number of linears were consistently identified using the diffraction grating method. Linears or portions of linears identified by both techniques were not as numerous as anticipated, implying that the unaided eye tends to recognize subtle and topographic features not discernible using the diffraction grating.

Numerous linears align with streams, valleys and ridges, as expected. Some also match with short segments of secondary highways, but these highways are not visible without magnification of the imagery, indicating that the linears are probably a result of natural features instead of the highways.

On inspection of the 1:250,000-scale maps*, it was found that there appears to be a NE-SW and a NW-SE linear trend in the area. A sample computerized linear trend analysis (rose pattern) was done for Scene E1228-15431 8 March 73. Figure 11a illustrates the normalized number of linears for each 5-deg sector. This figure clearly shows a NE-SW and a SSE-NNW trend for the area. Figure 11b shows the normalized summed lengths of linears per 5-deg sector. This pattern reflects not only a NE-SW and a SSE-NNW trend but also a ESE-WNW trend for the longer linears.

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* Original 1:250,000-scale linear maps were transmitted to the State of Ohio.

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FIGURE 8a.   LINEAR ANALYSIS OF SCENE E1228-15424   8 Mar 73
              SHOWING UNAIDED EYE METHOD RESULTS

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FIGURE 8b. LINEAR ANALYSIS OF SCENE E1228-15424  8 MAR 73
SHOWING DIFFRACTION GRATING METHOD RESULTS
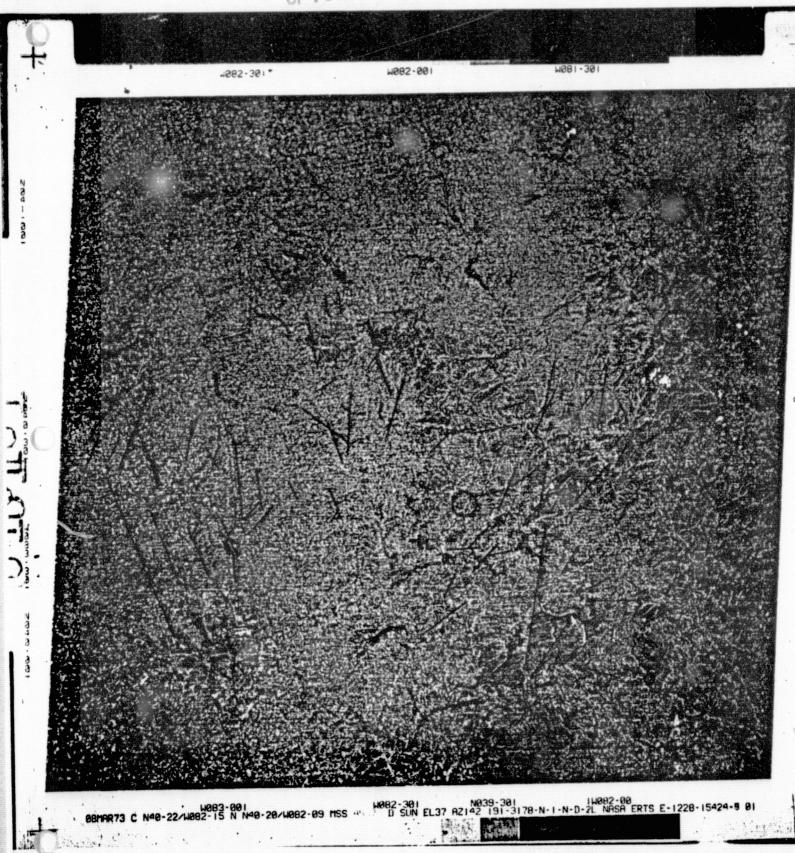
FIGURE 8c.   LINEAR ANALYSIS OF SCENE E1228-15424   8 MAR 73
SHOWING DIFFRACTION GRATING AND UNAIDED EYE
METHOD RESULTS

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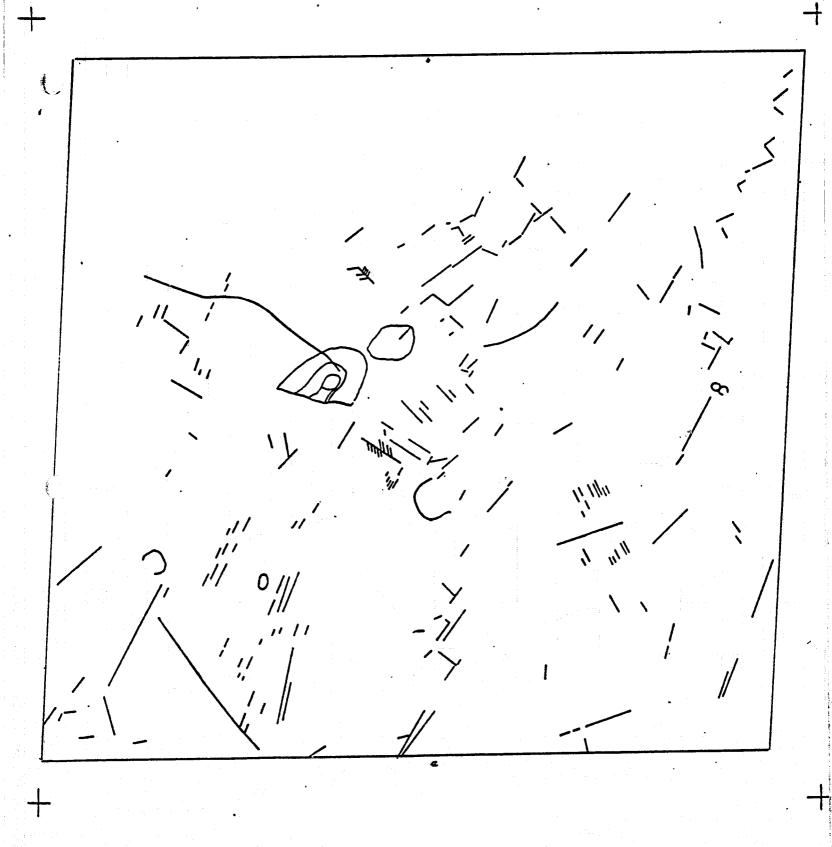
FIGURE 9a. LINEAR ANALYSIS OF SCENE E1605-15312  20 MAR 74
          SHOWING UNAIDED EYE METHOD RESULTS

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FIGURE 9b.  LINEAR ANALYSIS OF SCENE E1605-15312   20 MAR 74
SHOWING DIFFRACTION GRATING METHOD RESULTS

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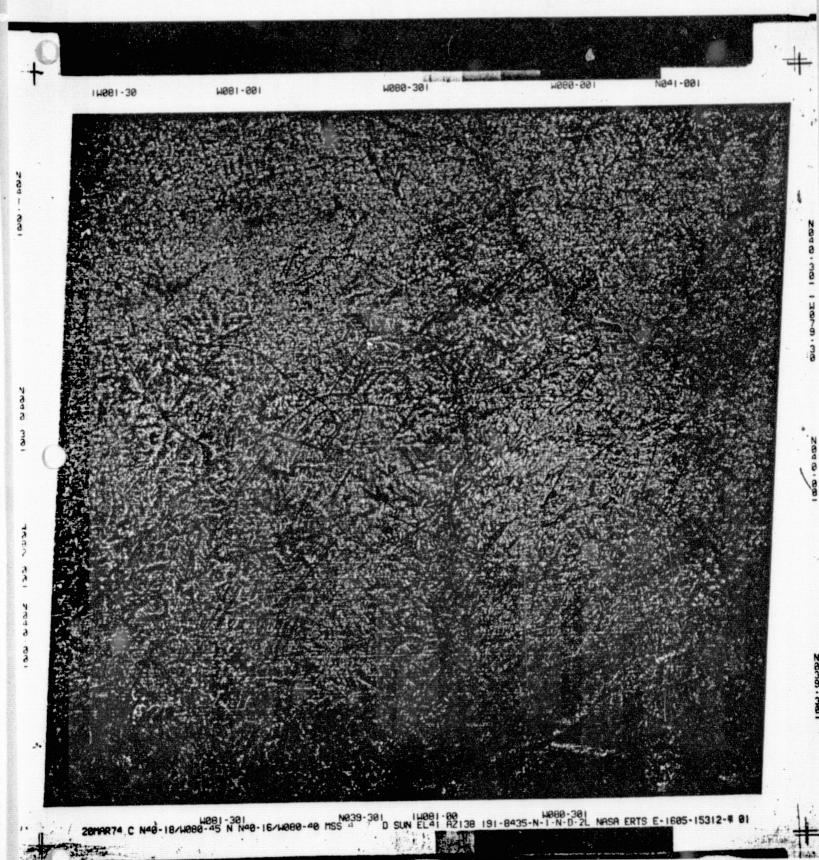
FIGURE 9c. LINEAR ANALYSIS OF SCENE E1605-15312   20 MAR 74
SHOWING DIFFRACTION GRATING AND UNAIDED EYE
METHOD RESULTS

FIGURE 10a.   LINEAR ANALYSIS OF SCENE E1228-15431   8 MAR 73
SHOWING UNAIDED EYE METHOD RESULTS
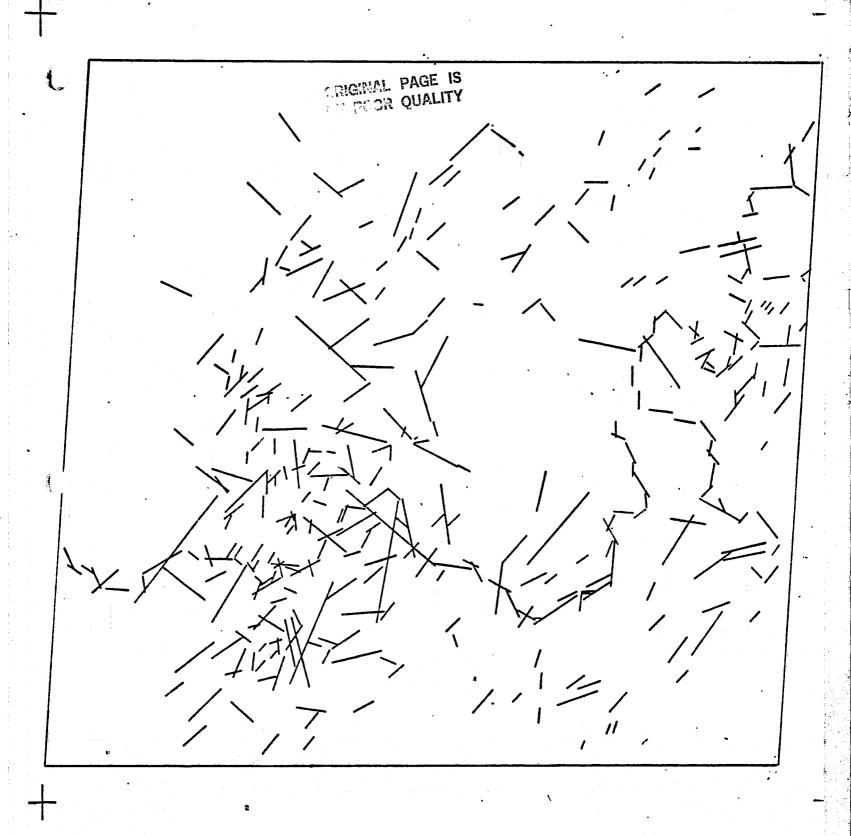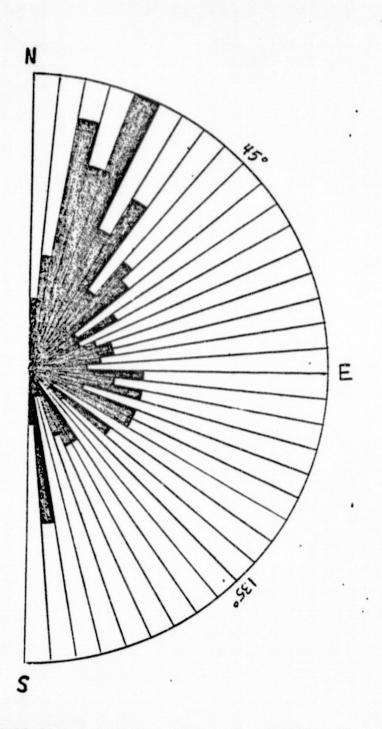
FIGURE 10b. LINEAR ANALYSIS OF SCENE E1228-15431  8 MAR 73
SHOWING DIFFRACTION GRATING METHOD RESULTS

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FIGURE 10c.  LINEAR ANALYSIS OF SCENE E1228-15431   8 MAR 73
SHOWING DIFFRACTION GRATING AND UNAIDED EYE
METHOD RESULTS

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FIGURE 11a. NORMALIZED NUMBER OF LINEARS PER 5-DEG AZIMUTHAL INCREMENT VS. AZIMUTH

FIGURE 11b. NORMALIZED SUMMED LENGTH OF LINEARS PER 5-DEG AZIMUTHAL INCREMENT VS. AZIMUTH

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This is a pattern of linear directions which has been expressed by geologists as being the expected and observed trend in glaciated areas believed due in part to the differential rebounds of rock strata from episodes of geologically recent continental glaciation. The results of glaciation were superimposed upon the regional lateral compression shear fractures and later tension fractures caused by cycles of the Appalachian Mountain building which thrust west through the central axis of the Appalachian Basin through the Eastern Coastal States. These joints and fractures would probably now be occupied by streams, being a guide for mass wasting and sedimentary "runoff" and would be expressed on the surface as valleys with opposing ridges, or other geomorphologic features. Using the unaided eye method, numerous circular features were plotted in the south central image along the western edge of the glacial boundary. One of these circular features is located near Serpent Mound in Pike County. Much discussion as to the origin of this feature has taken place. A current theory holds that the feature is due to a basement intrusion (laccolith, magma and/or gases) which extruded from a joint or fault complex into the base of the sedimentary section, coming in contact with the basal sediments. Other similar features have been identified on the surrounding area and may possibly be genetically related to the aforementioned feature. Curvilinear features were also identified in the east central image north of Cadiz. One feature measures 15 km across and the other 10 km. These features have a direct relationship with the stream patterns within their boundaries. Gas and oil fields are located on the edges of these features.

A cursory examination of the black and white LANDSAT images in all four bands of the south central scene seems to indicate that Band 7 (0.8 to 1.1 $\mu$m) is the best black and white band for the identification of linear features. It was found, by using two diffraction gratings in combination, that the imagery is further degraded in resolution but linears appear to stand out or to be further enhanced to the eye. This may make the plotting of linears an easier manual task. However, it is possible that the linears are also being elongated by the use of two gratings.

Preliminary evaluation of utilizing the Data Color Viewer for enhancement of linear features on LANDSAT imagery was attempted. This equipment has the capability of optically combining up to four 70-mm images and

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enlarging them on a built-in rear viewing screen to the scale of 1:1,000,000. For this evaluation two LANDSAT images, Band 5 and Band 6 E1228 15431 8 March 1973, of South Central Ohio were chosen. A Band 5 positive image and a Band 6 negative image were placed in the viewer and registered. The image intensity of Band 5 was adjusted until the intensities of both images were equal. This provided a very "flat" image with very little detail. Band 5 was then offset or brought out of registration a very small amount. This technique provided an edge enhancement of features ("cameo effect") due to density differences on negative and positive. A large number of linear features and a large amount of very subtle detail were visible using this technique. However, due to time limitations of the project no linear mapping was accomplished utilizing this method.

The diffraction grating method proved to be a far superior method for the delineation of photolinears. However, one anomalous effect of the grating still proves to be suspect. When viewing the imagery through the grating, striations appear across the entire surface of the image area at right angles to the grating lines. These striations appear as an oriented smearing of all features in the image. At some positions these striations appear to be more intense than at other positions. After having a number of people, unrelated to the project, view the imagery through the grating, a trend of the direction of these intense striations was established to be NE-SW and NW-SE. After having established this striation intensity direction, the image was rotated 45 deg from the original position. The striations still appeared to be most intense at the same angle relative to the observer, as before. A random dot pattern was then used in place of the image and the results were similar, that is, an apparent, higher intensity of lineations resulted at a 45-deg angle relative to the observers no matter in which position the pattern was placed. This led to the hypothesis that there is a possible perceptual preference causing the anomaly. Insufficient consideration has been given to the problem, so that no conclusion can be made at present. However, the fact that there may be a predetermined visual preference indicates that these directions may be more

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favored, by being easier to perceive, thus biasing the identification of linears in favor of these directions. This would have a tendency to place a favored 45-deg direction of linears in the NE-SW and the NW-SE direction, which is the geologically "expected" direction for joints and fractures in this area.

## Conclusions and Recommendations

This task clearly demonstrated the feasibility of mapping geologic linear and curvilinear features in the State of Ohio utilizing LANDSAT imagery. For the first time, linear analysis and mapping in over two-thirds of Ohio has been done and placed in the public domain. Analysis has also been done for surrounding areas including a portion of the Appalachian Region.

This experiment has shown that conventional LANDSAT imagery is more responsive to regional-sized analysis than aircraft imagery and mapping of regional-sized areas can be easily and quickly done using LANDSAT imagery. The lower resolution of current LANDSAT imagery ($\approx$ 80 meters) is well suited for large area analysis, and in fact actually obscures roads and other cultural features often misinterpreted as linears. However, for very localized (large scale) linear analysis, increased resolution of LANDSAT imagery or the use of high-altitude aircraft data is required.

LANDSAT imagery analysis using the unaided eye for interpretation is excellent for identifying subtle linear features, patterns, and anomalies. LANDSAT analysis using the diffraction grating method is excellent for isolating linear patterns directionally while reducing image resolution in all other directions, thus making analysis more rapid and complete.

The utilization of a positive/negative image overlap method (cameo effect) seems to be a promising optical method for linear mapping-- a method which should be more throughly investigated.

Much analysis has been and is currently being done on the identification of photolinears from remote sensing data. However, little consistent work has been done to field verify photolinears and correlate them with presently known joint-fracture patterns and photolinear analysis. Numerous correlations have been found between photolinears and surface

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expressed faults in most areas investigated, leading to the reasonable conclusion that there also may exist a correlation between photolinears and joints/fractures which can also be considered to be "faults" without displacement.

Based on the results of this experimental effort the following recommendations are offered:

(1) At least all major linears should be field checked for geologic significance. Certain of these should be investigated by geophysical techniques.

(2) More geophysical and geological studies of large curvilinear features and circular anomalies should be done to identify the cause and to investigate possible mineralization important to industry in these areas since these areas may be due to local "basement" tectonic activity.

(3) Investigations should be made into the possible perceptual problem and subjectivity of the eye-diffraction grating method. Research should be done to develop objective variations of the present methodologies or to develop entirely new optical or electronic methods of detecting photolinears which will be more objective and allow more rapid and more precise linear recognition and documentation. An automated optical and/or electronic system would fill these needs. These methods should be field tested and verified before a high operational demand is placed upon them.

(4) Standardization of methods and means of recording results must be made in order to make the identification and photolinear mapping as useful as possible.

(5) The construction of a pilot atlas or atlases of all LANDSAT imagery produced sequentially over the same ground target should be made to isolate effects of

season, sun angle, and other climatological variables. This will enable the best band or bands to be identified for linear and other analyses and new sensors or hardware to be recommended for future space platforms.

(6) The construction of a pilot atlas or atlases to combine the results of LANDSAT with other high- and medium-altitude photography and programmed SLAR should be pursued.

(7) The construction of a pilot atlas or atlases providing ground resource inventories is recommended.

This study has shown that LANDSAT data can be effectively utilized for mapping photolinears in Ohio and surrounding Appalachian areas. Such LANDSAT-derived linear maps have potential for (1) increasing the discovery of oil, gas, and minerals in the East mainly by providing a useful data input to reconnaissance exploration activities (particularly by smaller exploration companies of the type mostly operating in Ohio and the Appalachian area), and (2) increasing gas production significantly in eastern shale areas, if mapped linears are found to reveal the location and geometry of fracture/fault systems permitting the application of fracture stimulation techniques.

## Use/User Implications

Contact was made with personnel of The Ohio State Geological Survey. Personal views from these discussions indicate that a linear survey of this type is much needed and will be important technically and economically for the oil and gas owner/operators. However, it was expressed that more analysis and field work need to be accomplished before linear mapping can be utilized operationally.

Discussions with an oil and gas well manager (William E. Shafer of Shafer Exploration Co.) proved to be very positive in an outlook to the future of linear mapping and its importance to the small oil and gas well operator in Ohio.

For a full discussion of his views and critique of this task, see the report entitled "Review of Lineation Observations by Battelle Columbus Laboratories LANDSAT Imagery, Ohio Southeast Quadrant", which follows this task report.

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REVIEW

OF

LINEATION OBSERVATIONS BY

BATTELLE COLUMBUS LABORATORIES

LANDSAT IMAGERY, OHIO

SOUTHEAST QUADRANT


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A certain cursory review was made of subject "linears, "curvi-linears" and "circulars" observed by Battelle Columbus Labs, upon LANDSAT imagery and transposed to contour maps of the U. S. Army Map Service (R.M.P.V.) Corps of Engineers, Scale 1:250,000.

The requested manuscript review was directed to the writer as an independent practitioner in the Ohio-Appalachain oil and gas industry.

## CHARACTERIZATION OF THE OHIO APPALACHAIN OIL AND GAS OPERATOR

An independent person or a small group of people, often times incorporated, essentially dependent upon external financing from the private sector, usually understaffed and operating on a very restricted operations budget.

## CHARACTERIZATION OF PRODUCT

Settled oil production from and above the shallower Silurian reservoir is usually classified as "stripper well" production, (10 bbls. per day or less) being 70% of all Ohio oil production. Fifty percent is classified "Pennsylvania Grade", 31% is "Corning Grade" and the remaining 19% is comprised of special classified grades. The crude oil is usually "sweet"or essentially sulphur free. Petroleum value is 12.1% of the total mineral value in Ohio.

Gas production is usually relatively low volume, with modest, average deliverable reserves, less than 150 to more than 400 MMCF gas per well. The gas is usually "sweet" with a Btu range of 1020 to 1070.

## CERTAIN PRODUCTION HISTORY

Approximately 122,577 wells have been drilled in Ohio from 1884 to 1976. A ten year average is 1,609 wells per year. During 1975, a comparatively lower activity year, a total of 1,248 wells were drilled in Ohio. The Silurian, Clinton-Medina sandstone reservoirs accounted for 90% of these wells being drilled to an average depth of 4,240 feet below ground level. Ninety-three percent of the holes drilled to the Clinton-Medina sandstone produce commercial hydrocarbons. The Mississippian, Berea sandstone reservoirs accounted for approximately 5% of the wells with 87% being productive of commercial hydrocarbons. The average depth of the Berea wells was 1,320 feet below ground level.

Other shallower and deeper reservoirs comprise the remaining 5% of the commercially productive wells and includes the Ohio Devonian shale which accounted for .5% of the wells with 83% being productive of gas at an average depth of 2,027 feet below ground level.[1] All wells drilled to the Clinton pass through the Ohio Devonian shale.

The dollar value of crude oil produced in Ohio during 1975 was $113,916,537.00. The average price per barrel at the wellhead was $11.89. The dollar value of natural gas produced in Ohio during 1975 was $60,604,235.00. The average price paid at the

[1]Ohio Division of Oil and Gas, Annual Report, 1975

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wellhead was 70.6¢ per MCF (thousand cubic feet). An estimated 850 MMCF (million cubic feet) was not sent to market but was utilized as fuel on lease property, landowner's residence or consumed in flares.[2]

During 1974, 92,558 MMCF natural gas was produced in Ohio and 1,086,651 MMCF natural gas was consumed within the State. This is a deficit of 91.5% of the State's natural gas requirements. This deficit was essentially met by interstate gas supplies from the Gulf Costal States.

During the same year, 1974, 8,964,000 barrels of crude oil were produced in Ohio and 212,783,000 barrels of refined liquid product was consumed within the State. This deficit, 96% of the State's requirement, was essentially met through interstate and foreign distribution, (61% by the Gulf Coast and Western States, 13% by Western Hemisphere Countries, and 23% by Eastern Hemisphere Countries).

During 1975, the foreign Western Hemisphere imports to the U.S.A. decreased by 45% and the Eastern Hemisphere imports increased by 55% of 1974 imports.

[2] Independent Petroleum Association of America, 1976.

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# CHARACTERIZATION OF LANDSAT LINEATIONS

| TYPE | FIRST "RATIONALE" CONCLUSION |
|------|------------------------------|
| 1. "Circular" Anomaly | Represents a visual specific drill target potential. |
| 2. "Curvilinear" Anomaly | Represents a visual, partial drill target potential. |
| 3. "Straight line" and "Line clusters" | Represents potential productive trends. |

"Circulars" were noted on the Analysis Scene E-1609-15312, E-1228-15424 and E-1228-15431 LANDSAT images. Below tabulated are example LANDSAT "Circular" areas and their direct relationship to the presence or absence of associated oil and gas facts: (The "Circular" area name was chosen to identify the geographic location)

| "CIRCULAR" AREA | OIL AND GAS FACTS | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|------|-----------|-------|
|                 | Field Name | Year | Reservoir | Depth |
| Tuscarawas County (New Philadelphia) | Urichsville | 1937 | Berea | 1,000' |
|                 |            | 1970 | Clinton | 5,025' |
|                 | Mt. Bethel | 1902 | Berea | 1,000' |
|                 |            | 1940 | Clinton | 5,265' |
|                 | Yorktown | 1923 | Berea | 700' |
|                 |          | 1966 | Clinton | 4,865' |
|                 | Roswell | 1943 | Berea | 900' |
|                 |         | 1943 | Clinton | 5,135' |
| Harrison-Carrol Counties (Jewett) | Scott Run | 1900 | Berea | 1,300' |
|                 | Scio | 1899 | Berea | 1,350' |
|                 | Dining Fork | 1899 | Berea | 1,350' |

|  | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Elk Lick | 1922 | Berea | 1,350' |
|  | Loudon | 1914 | Berea | 1,350' |
|  | North Loudon | 1937 | Injun | 725' |
|  | Kilgore | 1910 | Berea | 1,300' |
| Jefferson County (Shane) | Wolf Run | 1922 | Berea | 1,400' |
| Belmont County (Martins Ferry) | Barton | ? | ? | ? |
|  | Burlington | ? | Injun | 1,300' |
|  | Patton Run | ? | Injun | 1,100' |
|  | Colerain | 1894 | Berea | 1,900' |
| Guernsey County (Cambridge) | Byesville | 1885 / 1969 | Berea / Clinton | 1,100' / 4,975' |
|  | Cambridge | 1929 / 1924 | Berea / Oriskany | 1,400' / 3,400' |
| Lawrence County (Linnville) | Willowood | 1930 / 1966 | Devonian Shale / Clinton | 2,500' / 3,585' |
| (N.E. Ironton) "Ice Creek" | Ironton | 1913 | Devonian Shale | 1,800' |
|  | Hecla | 1928 | Devonian Shale | 1,900' |
| Adams County (Dunklesville) "Cluster" | None | — | — | — |
| (Serpent Mound) | None | — | — | — |
| (Carmel) | None | — | — | — |
| Highland, Pike, Ross Counties | None | — | — | — |

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| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Greenup County** (Ashland) | | | Salt | 1,100' |
| | | | Berea | 2,000' |
| | | | Devonian Shale | 3,300' to 3,600' |
| **Boyd County** (Savage Branch) | Ashland | 1918 | Devonian Brown Shale | 1,760' to 2,200' |

## "CURVILINEAR" AREA (Examples - Scene E-1605-15312)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Coschocton &** **Muskingum Counties** (Nickel Valley) | Pike-Coshocton | 1912 | Clinton | 2,850' |
| | Perrytown | 1912 | Clinton | 2,825' |
| **Belmont & Monroe** **Counties** * (Allendonia) | Allendonia | 1920 | Berea | 2,000' |
| | Pency Fork | 1913 | Berea | 2,200' |
| | | 1916 | Keener | 1,650' |

## "LINEAR" AREA (Examples - Scene E-1228-15431)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Scioto County (East)** **Scioto Valley Complex** (Minford) | Minford | 1930 | Berea | 400' |
| | | 1930 | Ohio Shale | 1,500' |
| | Long Run | 1930 | Berea | 400' |
| | | 1930 | Ohio Shale | 1,500' |
| | Lucasville | 1926 | Berea | 150' |
| | Schuller Hollow | 1926 | Berea | 350' |
| | New Boston | 1922 | Berea | 400' |
| **Pike County (East)** (Geneva-Beaver) | Beaver | 1929 | Ohio Shale | 500' |

\* Other fields also present.

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The preceeding high density lineation scene extends into Greenup County, Kentucky. No oil and gas fields have been discovered at this time in the Kentucky portion of this lineation scene. The Ohio portion of the "Scioto Valley Complex" is void of oil and gas production records except as previously noted. Drill operations interest in the traditional shallow reservoirs appear to be lost by either erosion, proximity to ground surface, or adverse variations in (reservoir) lithology. The deeper reservoir potentials have not been adequately tested in this area and most other areas of the State.

Approximately 80% or more of the linear representations (Scenes E-1228-15431, E-1228-15424 and E-1605-15312) on the east side of a line from Lorain to Lancaster to Portsmouth, Ohio are involved in NNE-SSW post-Ordovician oil and/or gas field producing areas. The deep potential reservoirs remain essentially untested by the drill in this area.

Lineations extending into West Virginia (Scene E-1228-15431 and E-1605-15312) in a zone from Charleston to Parkersburg include ten separate NNE-SSW oil and gas field areas which are essentially extensions of the Ohio and Pennsylvania style post-Ordovician reservoirs.

Lineations extending into Pennsylvania (Scene E-1605-153120) in a zone area centered about Pittsburgh include many separate NE-SW trending oil and gas field areas which are discrete sandstone reservoirs

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contained in the Devonian and Mississippian shales. Certain of these sand reservoirs extend into Ohio with decreased frequencies of occurance. Also, certain of these reservoirs extend into West Virginia.

## EXAMPLES OF LINEAR RELATIONSHIPS TO PARTICULAR AREAS OF OIL AND GAS INTEREST

| AREA | LINEARS |
|---|---|
| Holmes County - N.E. Area (Mt. Hope) | No image data |
| Guernsey County Area (Old Washington) (Ava - Cumberland) | 3 NE linears no image data |
| Noble County Area (Hoskinsville) | NE & NW proximal linears |
| Morrow County Area (Mt. Gilead-Cardington) | NE linears (scattered) |
| Delaware County Area (Center Village) | NW & NE proximal linears |

## EXAMPLES OF LINEAR RELATIONSHIPS TO PARTICULAR COLUMBIA GAS CORP. GAS STORAGE AREAS

| | |
|---|---|
| Guernsey County, NW ((Postboy) | 1 NE linear (short) |
| Hocking County, West (Hocking State Forest) | 1 NE linear (long) |
| Vinton County, West (Wayne National Forest) | NE linears (few) |

## OBSERVATION OF POSSIBLE INTERFERING MAN-MADE LINEATION

Electric Transmission Easements      no correlation

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Pipeline Transmission Easements     no correlation

Interstate Highways and
Easements     no correlation

## PRIORITIES BY VISUAL IMPACT OF LANDSAT SCENES PER MAPPED LINEATIONS

1. Scene E-1605-15312   Canton Area

2. Scene E-1228-15424   Newark Area

3. Scene E-1228-15431   Portsmouth Area

Previous self-styled linear classification statement dictates that greater view attention is given apparent circular anomalies as potential drill targets. However, tempered by the knowledge that given two separated circular anomalies, this writer is attracted to that area of best oil and gas production histories. This statement shall be expanded in the discussion statement.

## CURSORY "DISTANT" VIEW OF APPARENT DOMINANT LINEATION TREND DIRECTIONS (IMPRESSION) BY QUADRANT ONLY

1. Scene E-1605-15312      NE & NW  (equal)

2. Scene E-1228-15424      NW (W/2) and NE (E/2)

3. Scene E-1228-15431      NW

The Battelle pilot program computer measured lineation azimuth, Scene E-1228-15431, indicates the dominant lineation to be in the NE Quadrant and the dominant length to be in the NE Quadrant. This scene had a particularly high population of apparent major and minor lineation sets falling into the two adjacent Quadrants. The computer organization of data is apparently particularly helpful to proper, rapid lineation analysis.

## EXAMPLES OF APPARENT EFFECTS OF BURIED OR PARTIALLY BURIED TOP BEDROCK ERROSIONAL SURFACE CORRELATION WITH LINEARS

| AREA | APPARENT CAUSE |
|------|----------------|
| Columbus, North | NNW trending buried valleys |
| Mt. Vernon | NW & NE trending buried valleys |
| Chillicothe | NW & NE trending buried valleys |
| Derby | NW trending buried valley(s) |
| Waverly | Topographic expression of (Teays) valley wall in part and aligned tributary projecting into NW trending buried valley system. |

## EXAMPLES OF DRAINAGE BASIN CORRELATIONS

The Scioto Basin is elongate North-South. A possible subtle linear system change in population and azimuth from NNE to NNW occurs at the east margin of the drainage basin.

The Muskingum River Basin is elongate NNE-SSW. The NE part of the concentric "New Philadelphia" circular is involved in the drainage divide but does extend into the adjacent Ohio River Drainage Basin. The Cadiz linear in this same area is on the drainage divide. The geologic surface map indicates an arcuate outcrop pattern of Monongohela errosional remnants in the area.

In the Ohio River Drainage Basin at Wheeling, West Virginia, there are closely spaced lineations on stream divides, normal to the Basin boundary with subset lineations in approximate 45° tributary

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relationship. This regular pattern should be investigated for correlation with coal cleat sets in the involved Pennsylvania and Permian rock formations. In this respect, investigators must be aware of surface effects of coalbed pseudo structures and possible Silurian salt section anomalies.

The major (Teays) preglacial drainage pattern was extensive in Central Ohio and drained to the NW with a NW trending basin which now includes several existing north, NE and NW trending basins.

## LINEAR CORRELATION WITH SUBTLE SURFACE STRUCTURAL FEATURES

No particular lineation correlation is evident between the NW trending so-called "Parkersburg-Lorain Syncline" and "Cambridge Arch". A possible lineation correlation is evident in the area of the NE trending "Huntington Syncline".

## EXAMPLE OF LINEAR CORRELATION TO GEOPHYSICAL EVIDENCE

The Gravity Map of the United States (U.S.G.S. 1964) represents at least two gross systems merging within Ohio. A positive arcuate NW gravity trend (two sets) is evident extending through Western Ohio. Central Ohio appears to be a mixture of positive and negative anomalies trending NNE. A negative NE gravity trend is evident extending through Eastern Ohio. The LANDSAT lineations appear to be honoring both major NW and NE influences. It is obvious Ohio has been and is a focal point for gravity related dynamics.

Detail seismic reflection data from a five township area in Morrow

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County, Ohio indicates numerous, essentially NNE and NNW trending sets of Cambrian structural terraces. This area (Morrow County Consolidated Oil Field) discovered in 1963, is a pre-Ordovician buried subcrop reservoir at the top of the Cambrian (old) erosional surface. In this writer's opinion, these structural terraces seem to be controlled by low displacement (down to the Basin), normal Basement faults and are apparently cut by low displacement WNW and ENE transverse (sheer) faults. The Top Cambrian errosional surface (Knox Unconformity) apparently developed upon these (faulted) zones-of-weakness. Post unconformity, differential compaction (sedimentary) and other geologic processes have been noted (well log examination) to attenuate upward from many positive Knox Unconformity anomallies and extend, in some cases, into the near surface, Devonian "Big Lime" formation. These causal rock stress relationships appear to be effect-related in the geomorphic record by gross, but subtle, LANDSAT and other land surface related observations.

## DISCUSSION

The literature is nearly void of measured joint orientation field observations. The Devonian Shale, Report No. 27, Division of Geological Survey, Ohio, does list the following data:

| AREA | JOINT FIELD ORIENTATIONS | |
|------|----------|----------|
| Columbus | Vertical | NE & NW |
| Bellefontaine | Vertical | N-40-W & N-55-E |
| Conneaut-Ashtabula | Vertical | N-55-W & N-40-E |

This report states that joint orientation in the Devonian Shale shows greater variation in the NW azimuth. The report also states joints cut cleanly through rocks of different types and styles.

In this writer's opinion, the LANDSAT linear features are significant.

1. The various anomalies illustrated encourage exploratory investigation which may cause a commercial mineral discovery. In the case of the "circulars" in eastern Ohio, prior to oil and gas development, "shallow" oil and gas would have been discovered if the circular had been drilled first. In southwestern Ohio, to date, commercial oil and gas discovery has not yet occurred. The deep potential reservoirs in all of Ohio have not been adequately tested.

2. If lineations correlate with joint patterns, the probability of fracture enhanced reservoirs in the trend of the lineations is apparent. Productive trend projections are important to the oil

and gas discovery success ratio.

3. All linears represent a significant amount of new investigative evidence which, coupled with other exploration tools, shall inexpensively increase the discovery rate of oil, gas and other minerals.

4. The linears appear to be expressions of a multitude of dynamic influences upon the earth's crust. At this early time of view it is difficult to sort out the variety of influences and thereby geologically categorizing the cause-effect relationship. However the categorizations may not be as important as an observed relationship between oil and gas occurance and the family of linear or circular anomalies, as long as the linears or circulars survive certain tests of authenticity.

5. The linear features appear to be a response to geologically ancient and also recent geological circumstances. The effect of the compressive forces of the Appalachain Mountains building episodes and subsequent relaxation of same have been an important, if not perhaps an overriding influence. The plate tectonic hypothesis is, of course, an important part of the Appalachain tectonic story. The relaxation of Appalachain compressive forces and the basement differential zones of rock types and ages, possibly defining reactivated fault zones, have influenced the structural responses in Ohio. The "up-thrown" Serpent Mound fault complex appears to be on such a dynamic NW-SE basement trend. It is significant that

western Ohio-Indiana appears as a "stable" area throughout geologically recorded sedimentary time when crustal subsidence and basin-filling occurred upon nearly all of the borders of this "stable" zone area. The gravity trends are but poorly understood, but apparently indicate a part of the ancient geologic history of Ohio which the LANDSAT lineation appears to support.

6. When viewing the LANDSAT linears it is important to proceed within the context of the following rationale:

   (a) The rock composition and the dynamic structural history of the Appalachain Basin caused zones of weakness in the rock units.

   (b) These zones of weakness produced joints and faults in preferred directions in (apparently) nearly vertical planes.

   (c) The subsequent drainage eroded into mature topographic features favoring one or more zones of (rock) weakness, ie. joint sets.

   (d) Continental glaciation generally enhanced the main pre-existing topographic patterns except much of the drainage flow was, more or less, reversed and joint patterns continued to control the drainage. The post-glacial buried valleys were filled with particular aluvium, compacted (differentially) and can still, in many cases, be seen by various subtle image effects. The repeated alignments of systematic bedrock related events cause the lineation in glaciated and non-glaciated areas alike. The investigator should however, be aware of the masking effects of recessional moraines.

   (e) Many topographic features are responsive to bedrock structural influences.

(f)   Therefore, bedrock structures, particularly joint (and fault) evidence and evidence of deep section disturbance can indicate effective gas and fluid entraping mechanisms and also can indicate gas and fluid reservoirs. These enhanced conditions are worthy of a test by the drill. The various sophisicated, successful gas and fluid fracture techniques used since 1954 to stimulate new (and old) gas and oil wells take advantage (act upon) the planes-of-weakness and open joints in the reservoir rocks of interest. The success of these techniques is testimony to the availability of reservoir related joints.  This writer notes all rock outcrop areas visited in Ohio have an observable joint system.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1.  Selected LANDSAT, high and medium altitude photography "lineations, curvilinears and circulars" must be field checked for field identification of features in-fact, including numerous measurement of rock joint sets where ever possible.

2.  One or more pilot atlas(es) of sequential LANDSAT imagery should be compiled to determine the optimum season(s), sun angle and sensor wave length band or bands in various Appalachain work areas.

3.  LANDSAT linears should be mapped by optimum sensor(s) from the core of the Appalachain, NW into the Appalachain Basin to the western boundry of same basin to progress from known systems of surface joints and faults.  This can be done in separated parallel, continuous scenes of appropriate width and "filled-in" during subsequent programs.

4.  Down-hole determinations of joint strike and dip (orientation) before and after "frac" treatment should be encouraged, supported and requested from operators whenever possible.

5.  All data should be acquired and processed to prove or disprove the chain of logic presented in the "discussion" segment of this report, Item 6, a thru f, upon which linears have been related to rock joints under a variety of geomorphic conditions.  The credibility of the LANDSAT and air photo linear measurement technique must be always subject to as much proof as is reasonable to apply. In this respect, the basic support data is available literally, on the surface, and can be measured, in many cases, down the bore hole.

6. The proof that surface expressed linear concentrations also occur underground (in the subsurface) is essential to establish and can be established.

7. A further geologic rationale must be developed and demonstrated explaining fracture seal and fracture preservation throughout the sedimentary section, in reservoir areas and upon the surface of the ground.

8. First generation LANDSAT linear progress maps, properly label-ed, should be systematically constructed and made available to the public as soon as possible.

9. Continue to sponsor correlative geological and geophysical LANDSAT-air photo studies of the Appalachain Basin.

Respectfully submitted,

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## WRITER'S COMMENTS

The approximately 350 to 400 independent Ohio oil and gas operators are called "Independent Producers", along with similar operators in the other states within the oil and gas industry.* The role that all of the approximately 10,000 Independent Producers play within the (domestic) national oil and gas industry is important. Historically, the Independent Producers drill 89.2% of the "wildcat" oil and gas test wells searching for new reserves. The Independent Producers have discovered 53.8% of all new oil and gas reserves and 75% of all new oil and gas fields.** The Independent Producers, are in fact, very competitive and aggressive with each other individually and they are likewise, very competitive and aggressive in the same exploration and development areas of interest with the largest national and multi-national (Major) oil and gas corporations.

The Independent Producer currently provides nearly 100% of the oil and gas exploration and development activity within the State of Ohio. In the other Appalachain States, a few of the Major oil and gas corporations are apparently only infrequently engaged in limited exploration activity. The Independent Producers provide continuous oil and gas activity within each of these states.

Year 1974 (last year of record) 15,406 "stripper wells" produced 6,362,000 barrels of oil in Ohio, being 1.147 barrels per day per well average. In same year of record, 366,095 "stripper wells" produced 411,936,000 barrels of oil in the United States (Lower 48),

being .3125 barrels per day per well average.*** Stripper well production is an important part of the National oil reserves supply.

The recommendation for one or more pilot atlas(es) (See Page 17, Item 2) should include same target area comparison of the various enhancing software, hardware and hard copy processing for optimum geological view of the target scene and (personal) perception, "loss or gain" of the subject linear, curvilinear and circular family sets, including other data (pixel) organizing techniques (study area pixel signatures).

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\*\*   Independent Petroleum Association of America, May, 1976

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TASK 2.   LANDSAT LAKE ERIE SEDIMENTATION ANALYSIS

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### Background

Sedimentation pollutes surface water bodies of all sizes and presents a number of environmental and economic problems. The cost of dredging on a regular basis to remove sediments from bays, harbors and waterways is very high. Sediment particles may also carry with them toxic materials which may be deposited in a localized area, creating a potential public health hazard. Shore erosion and erosion of agricultural lands are of both economic and environmental concern in Ohio. Estimates of sediment production in tons per year per square mile for areas bordering Lake Erie are shown in Figure 12. Over 400 tons a year per square mile are eroded from some areas in Western Ohio.

The ability to measure sediment load, to identify the source of the sediments and to model the potential effects in areas receiving the major portion of deposition would greatly enhance state agencies' capabilities to manage problem areas before serious environmental damage occurs.

### Objective and Scope

The overall objective of the Lake Erie sedimentation task was to investigate the feasibility of utilizing remote sensing data, specifically LANDSAT imagery, for determining suspended sedimentation levels and seasonal distribution of sediment loads in Lake Erie.

The planned scope of this task was to investigate and analyze sedimentation discharge in Sandusky Bay, Ohio. However, this analysis was not feasible as a result of the complete lack of hydrologic data which was expected to exist for the area. The only data available were infrequent and occasionally collected data at a water quality station on a tributary of the Sandusky River 40 miles upstream from the river mouth on the bay. Because of the limited and partial sampling of the Sandusky River confluents in the tributary, these

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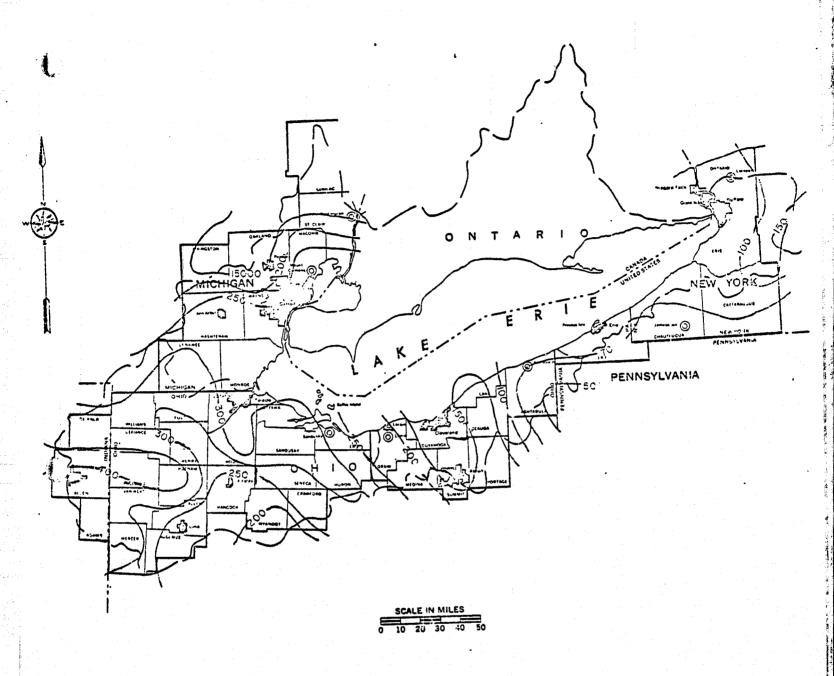
FIGURE 12. ESTIMATED SEDIMENT PRODUCTION IN TONS/YEAR/SQUARE MILE
OF LANDS DRAINED BY TRIBUTARIES OF LAKE ERIE

Source:  Great Lakes Basin Framework Study, Appendix 18:
Erosion and Sedimentation, Great Lakes Basin Commission,
3475 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106, 1975,
page 110.

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data were not considered appropriate for analysis. Therefore, the study area was expanded from the Sandusky Bay area to include the Western Basin of Lake Erie.

Sixteen LANDSAT 1 and LANDSAT 2 scenes covering the Western Basin of Lake Erie were analyzed. The dates and scene numbers are shown in Table 2. Efforts were made to obtain hydrologic information, including sediment load data, for the study site on the dates of the LANDSAT overpasses, but such data were unavailable. However, water and sedimentation discharge data were available from the U.S. Geological Survey's Water Quality Monitoring Station located on the Maumee River at Waterville, Ohio. This site is located approximately 21 miles (33.9 km) upstream from the point where the mouth of the river enters the Toledo Harbor. These data were acquired for the LANDSAT overpass dates.

## Methodology

A Macbeth Transmission Densitometer (Model TD-102) was used to obtain film transmissivity measurements for four points on each LANDSAT frame. These points are as follows:

(1) The quarry on Marblehead Peninsula

(2) The mouth of the Maumee River where it outfalls into the Toledo Harbor

(3) The approximate center of the Western Basin of Lake Erie

(4) The highest density step of the density wedge at the bottom of each LANDSAT frame.

These sample points are shown on the map in Figure 13. Measurements directly at the image point (Maumee River ) where the sedimentation data were obtained were not feasible due to the small scale of the imagery and the large spot size of the densitometer. Transmissivity measurements were made on LANDSAT Bands 5, 6, and 7. The sedimentation discharge data measured were in tons/day plotted on the y-axis of semilogarithmic graph paper with the imagery dates providing the scale for the x-axis. The film transmissivity measurements for each scene date were plotted on the y-axis using the same x-axis time scale.

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**TABLE 2.  LANDSAT 1 AND 2 SCENES USED FOR THE SEDIMENTATION ANALYSIS ON LAKE ERIE**

## LANDSAT 1

| Scene Number | Image Date |
|---|---|
| E1247-15481 | 27  Mar 73 |
| E1265-15480 | 14  Apr 73 |
| E1319-15474 | 7  Jun 73 |
| E1337-15472 | 25  Jun 73 |
| E1391-15464 | 18  Aug 73 |
| E1445-15453 | 11  Oct 73 |
| E1427-15460 | 23 Sept 73 |

## LANDSAT 2

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|---|---|
| E2117-15353 | 19  May 75 |
| E2135-15355 | 6 June 75 |
| E2189-15352 | 30 July 75 |
| E2261-15342 | 10  Oct 75 |
| E2297-15340 | 15  Nov 75 |
| E2315-15335 | 3  Dec 75 |
| E2441-15311 | 7  Apr 76 |
| E2513-15292 | 18 June 76 |
| E2531-15285 | 6 July 76 |

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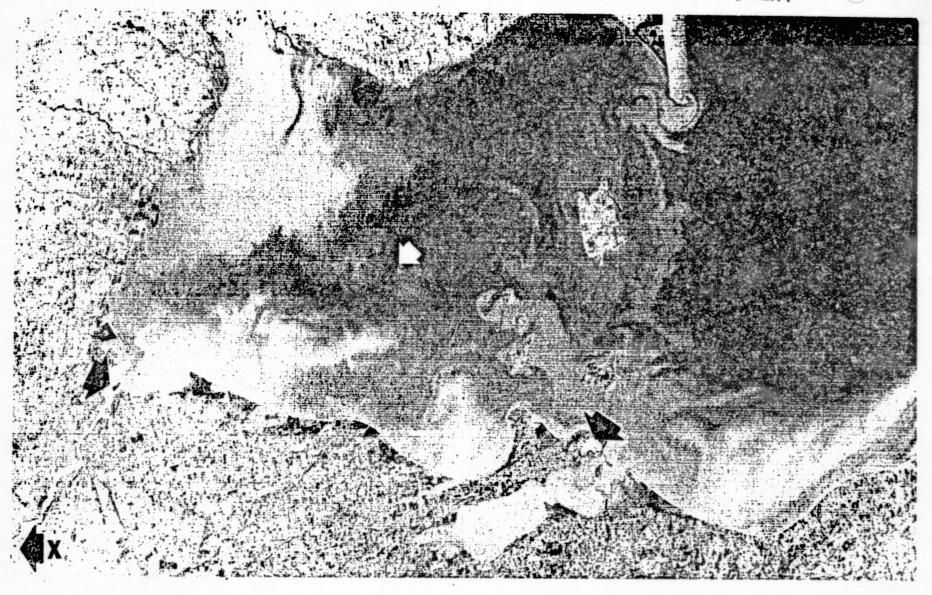


FIGURE 13. PORTION OF A LANDSAT SCENE (BAND 5, APRIL 14, 1973) SHOWING SUSPENDED
SEDIMENTS IN THE WESTERN BASIN OF LAKE ERIE

Arrows indicate film transmissivity measurement points. Arrow with
X indicates approximate location of USGS Water Quality Monitoring
Station at Waterville, Ohio.

# Results

The results of the LANDSAT data transmissivity analysis are contained in Table 3. The USGS-acquired hydrologic data used in the correlative analysis are shown in Table 4. The latter includes sediment discharge in tons per day measured at the Waterville Water Quality Monitoring Station. Plotting and comparing the 1975-1976 data shows agreement between the sediment discharge in the Maumee River and the percent transmissivity readings for all data with the exception of December 1975 and June 1976 (Figure 14). A similar lack of agreement was found between the 1973 LANDSAT and sediment discharge data (Figure 15).

It was observed that LANDSAT Band 6 is the best single band for identification of sediment loads in water bodies.

## Conclusions and Recommendations

A better correlation of data exists for the 1975-1976 data than for the 1973 data. The better data may have resulted from the following:
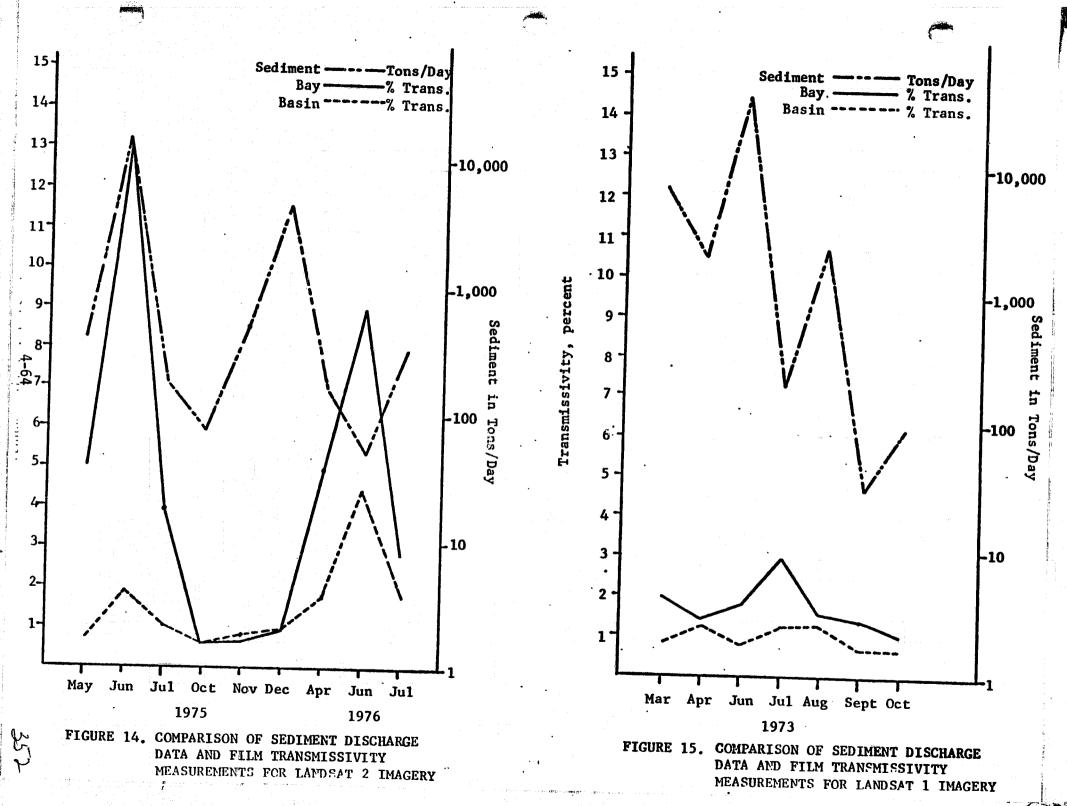
- Film transmissivity readings were not taken at the point where sediment load and discharge were measured. The size of the river on the small-scale imagery and the larger spot size of the densitometer precluded any film measurements on the river.

- As the sediment-ladened water enters the mouth of the bay the river velocity slows and the capacity of the river to carry particles (especially larger particles) in suspension lessens. This results in a dropping of sediment at the mouth of the bay or a short distance upstream from the mouth of the bay. Thus, a high sediment load in the river may not be reflected in the sediment levels of the bay and, in turn, the basin.

- Sediment levels in the bay and the basin may differ in amount as a result of the influence of wind. This may cause areas of erosion along the shore to influence sediment levels in the two areas differentially.

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TABLE 3. PERCENT TRANSMISSIVITY READINGS OBTAINED FROM
SELECT LANDSAT BAND 6 IMAGERY USING THE
MACBETH DENSITOMETER

| 1973 Imagery | Density Step | Marblehead Quarry | Bay | Basin |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 27 Mar 73 | 0.8 | 4.5 | 2.0 | 0.85 |
| 14 Apr 73 | 0.7 | 6.0 | 1.4 | 1.25 |
| 7 June 73 | 0.7 | 4.0 | 1.7 | 0.73 |
| 25 June 73 | 0.56 | 11.0 | 3.0 | 1.25 |
| 18 Aug 73 | 0.55 | 6.0 | 1.55 | 1.3 |
| 23 Sept 73 | 0.8 | 0.625 | 1.38 | 0.69 |
| 11 Oct 73 | 0.7 | 2.3 | 1.0 | 0.69 |

| 1975-1976 Imagery | Density Step | Marblehead Quarry | Bay | Basin |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19 May 75 | 0.4 | 20.0 | 5.0 | 0.7 |
| 6 June 75 | 0.25 | 35.0 | 13.0 | 1.9 |
| 30 July 75 | 0.4 | 23.0 | 3.9 | 1.05 |
| 10 Oct 75 | 0.53 | Clouds No Reading | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| 15 Nov 75 | 0.8 | 4.0 | 0.67 | 0.75 |
| 3 Dec 75 | 0.8 | Clouds No Reading | 0.95 | 0.95 |
| 7 Apr 76 | 0.49 | 23.0 | 4.8 | 1.8 |
| 18 June 76 | 0.6 | 35.0 | 9.0 | 4.5 |
| 6 July 76 | 0.6 | 26.0 | 2.9 | 1.9 |

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**TABLE 4.** HYDROLOGIC DATA MEASURED AT THE
WATERVILLE WATER QUALITY STATION
FOR LANDSAT OVERPASS DATES IN
1973 and 1975-1976

| 1973 | Mean Water Discharge, cu ft/sec | Sediment Discharge, tons/day |
|---|---|---|
| 27 Mar 1973 | 17,500 | 7,280 |
| 14 Apr 1973 | 8,950 | 2,010 |
| 7 June 1973 | 27,800 | 36,500 |
| 25 June 1973 | 2,420 | 203 |
| 18 Aug 1973 | 5,120 | 1,130 |
| 23 Sept 1973 | 236 | 30 |
| 11 Oct 1973 | 610 | 87 |

| 1975-1976 | Mean Water Discharge, cu ft/sec | Sediment Discharge, tons/day |
|---|---|---|
| 19 May 1975 | 1,920 | 301 |
| 6 June 1975 | 13,600 | 10,400 |
| 30 July 1975 | 504 | 109 |
| 10 Oct 1975 | 770 | 79 |
| 15 Nov 1975 | 1,900 | 139 |
| 3 Dec 1975 | 10,400 | 3,850 |
| 7 Apr 1976 | 2,630 | 178 |
| 18 June 1976 | 596 | 50 |
| 6 July 1976 | 1,460 | 300 |

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FIGURE 14. COMPARISON OF SEDIMENT DISCHARGE
DATA AND FILM TRANSMISSIVITY
MEASUREMENTS FOR LANDSAT 2 IMAGERY

FIGURE 15. COMPARISON OF SEDIMENT DISCHARGE
DATA AND FILM TRANSMISSIVITY
MEASUREMENTS FOR LANDSAT 1 IMAGERY

Sufficient positive correlation has been found in the analysis to suggest a feasible method of using repetitive LANDSAT data to identify and measure suspended sediment levels in water bodies on a routine basis. However, more extensive analysis should be performed in order to establish measurement accuracies before any operational consideration is given to this technique and resultant data.

In addition, ground truth measurements of sediment levels and types of sediment material must be sampled at the same time as LANDSAT overpasses occur. These should be accompanied by spectral radiometric measurements in the same area. A complete and continuing survey program incorporating meteorological, hydrological, and environmental data could establish and document the link between river and lake conditions/characteristics required for developing a useful operational model.

## Use/User Implications

A number of researchers have determined that LANDSAT imagery can be used for determining types and quantities of sedimentation in large reservoirs and lakes. This preliminary task has attempted to determine the feasibility of using the data for monitoring/modeling Lake Erie sedimentation by comparing the measurable reflectivity of sediments in the lake water as recorded on LANDSAT imagery with hydrological/sediment loading data.

Additional and more extensive research efforts are expected to clarify uncertainties experienced in this brief analysis and result in the development of a methodology for operational use.

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**TASK 3.  LANDSAT AND AIRCRAFT URBAN LAND USE ANALYSIS OF COLUMBUS/
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## TASK 3. LANDSAT AND AIRCRAFT URBAN LAND USE ANALYSIS OF COLUMBUS/FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

### Background

The Ohio LANDSAT 1 program domenstrated that many state-level requirements for land use planning could be served by repetitive, small-scale, multispectral satellite data. It was equally apparent that much of the high-priority need for monitoring land use changes, inventorying critical environmental areas and assessing land capabilities is associated with. detailed natural and cultural features in large, dynamic and complex urbanized areas. This need cannot be completely fulfilled by the current LANDSAT data capabilities. However, until survey satellites which have significantly improved spectral and spatial capabilities are launched, high-altitude aircraft data could be a cost-effective alternative for reinforcing LANDSAT analysis in complex urbanized areas. Hence, the theme of this task was to determine the limits of LANDSAT land use data analysis in urban areas and the opportunities for merging detailed aerial data into a computerized land use inventory system to provide the detail and overall accuracies sufficient to permit its operational implementation on a state level.

### Objective and Scope

The main objective of this task was to demonstrate how high-altitude aircraft data could be used to complement LANDSAT land use data analysis in large, complex urban areas of Ohio.

This land use demonstration analysis was conducted for the Columbus/Franklin County, Ohio, area. The site was selected for the following reasons:

(1) The area has experienced dynamic changes throughout the past 20-year interval

(2) The area contains a good mix of cultural, natural and environmental features such as heavy industries, large warehouse centers, an intensive transportation network, several rivers, reservoirs, old and new residential neighborhoods, airfields, etc.

(3) Local knowledge of the area would facilitate interpretation of LANDSAT and aircraft data

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(4) The area has been extensively documented with aircraft, Skylab and LANDSAT imagery, allowing a multilevel/multidate/multiscale examination of land use features at image scales ranging from 1:40,000 to 1:1,000,000

(5) An initial (LANDSAT 1) study had already determined the general degree that land use features could be identified in this area.

## Methodology

The task was accomplished in the following steps:

- Selection of map scales
- Selection of a suitable land use classification scheme and appropriate land use classes
- Acquisitions of base maps and data base
- Selection of mapping procedures
- Extraction of land use information from high-altitude aircraft imagery
- Computer analysis of LANDSAT digital data (CCT's)
- Comparison of LANDSAT and high-altitude aircraft land use data.

## Selection of Map Scales

Map scales were selected by the participating staff of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. A 1:24,000 scale was selected as the one of operational interest. At this scale, an area covered by a 1.2 acre pixel is represented on the map as an area of 0.36 by 0.36 cm (0.14 by 0.14 in.).

## Selection of Land Use Classification Scheme and Classes

The USGS land use classification scheme used in the Ohio LANDSAT 1 program was selected by the project monitor at the Ohio Department of Economic and Community Development (ODECD) as desirable for this task also. However, certain modifications suggested by Ohio Department of National Resources personnel were made to better accommodate the subsequent digitization of land use data for incorporation in the State of Ohio land use inventory.

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Also, the recently revised version of the USGS classification scheme was used, which changed some second-level feature classifications.

## Acquisition of Base Maps and Data Base

Black and white Mylar base maps of Franklin County, Ohio, were purchased from the Ohio Department of Transportation. The Mylar maps were duplicates of base maps used in the compilation of the 1:24,000 USGS topographic mapsheets. Eighteen maps were required to cover the entire county; however, five maps were found to cover the Columbus metropolitan area.

Information on these base maps already featured transportation networks, schools, churches, rivers and reservoirs, as well as the location of the total urban outline in black. The most recent revision on these maps had been made in 1973.

The principal data used were six color infrared 240-mm format transparencies flown by NASA over Columbus, Ohio, on August 18, 1976. The film frames were totally cloud-free and generally appeared to be of excellent quality.

In addition, the following data were used:

- 1:40,000-scale, color and color IR imagery flown by NASA over Columbus in August 1973 and January 1974

- 1:1,000,000-scale MSS transparencies obtained over Columbus from 1973-1976

- CCT data of Scene E-1265-15483 dated April 14, 1973.

## Selection of Mapping Procedures

Several techniques were evaluated for interpreting and transferring land use information to the 1:24,000-scale Mylar base maps.

Spectral Analysis or Density Slicing of the Color Infrared Transparency. A Spatial Data 703-32 Color Video system was used to determine whether Levels I and II land use features appeared spectrally distinct, so as to permit machine classification of the film data. The intent was to eliminate extensive photointerpretation time by using machine-aided techniques.

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Digitization of the Color Infrared Imagery. A digitization system with a subroutine called Digitline/Digit 3D was evaluated. By mounting the positive transparency on the light table of the digitizer, or by projecting (and enlarging) it with a projector behind the light table, an operator could enter x, y and constant coordinates which marked the boundaries of each land use class. By entering sufficient points along each boundary, areas of Level I and Level II land use classes would then be recorded on magnetic tape for subsequent calculation of the overall boundary and plotting of a land use map. The intent was to generate land use data in computer-compatible formats which would eventually be entered into the statewide Ohio land use inventory. The problem with this method was that it proved entirely too time consuming. Also, polygons, rather than the precise boundaries, were marked, so that the areas covered by various land use categories were approximations, rather than the actual delineated areas.

Rear Projection to 1:24,000 scale of the Infrared Color Imagery Directly Onto the Mylar Base Maps. The color infrared imagery appeared superimposed on the Mylar maps and the photointerpreter delineated each land use class in color. A 240-mm rear projection system featuring a 1.5 by 2-meter screen was used to enlarge the 1:120,000-scale imagery 5X.

## Extraction of Land Use Information from High-Altitude Aircraft Imagery

The rear projection techniques were found to be suitable for identifying and delineating detailed land use classes, and for transferring these to a 1:24,000-scale map. Each 240-mm infrared color transparency was mounted in the rear projection system and projected in full format on the 1.5 by 2-meter rear projection screen (approximately 5X magnification). Each Mylar base map was then fastened on the screen and the projection optics were adjusted until the projected infrared imagery and the map perfectly coincided. Major road intersections were used as alignment reference points. The image analysts then outlined each land use class on the Mylar base maps. Certain features, such as water, forest land, and new construction, could be identified on the basis of image color or tone. Land use

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features, such as industry, commercial, and residential areas, required identification on the basis of spectral and spatial characteristics, i.e., on the basis of their geometry, size, alignment, etc., as well. If industrial and commercial complexes could have been classified together, then some of the detailed work expended in this effort could have been reduced. Specifically separation of industrial and commercial features required a stereo analysis of 1:40,000-scale imagery. Only in one instance was a ground check necessary to confirm the interpretation. The Spatial Data Color Video System 703-32 was used to density slice several land use classes which could be accurately differentiated on the basis of their spectral characteristics.

Basically, land use classes were delineated according to the current USGS classification system. The following classes were added, however, to be responsive to expressed local planning interests:

- <u>Areas undergoing construction</u>, to indicate where structures were in the process of being built, but were not yet completed. The Level II class was added to indicate areas of current growth/development.

- <u>Public and private institutions</u>, such as schools, universities, and churches.

- <u>Public and private recreation</u>, such as parks and golf courses.

During the aircraft imagery analysis, comparison was made with a detailed (1:50,000 scale) land use map compiled and published by the Franklin County Regional Planning Commission in 1964. Discrepancies occurred only in areas having undergone changes and in areas where the Planning Commission probably delineated land use boundaries from reference data other than on aerial imagery.

Each land use interpretation was transferred to the 1:24,000-scale Mylar base map with a color pen for subsequent planimeter analysis.

## Computer Analysis of LANDSAT CCT Data[*]

For comparison purposes, LANDSAT computer compatible tapes of April 12, 1973, data showing the Columbus metropolitan area were analyzed to determine to what extent land use class Levels I and II could be

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[*] This effort was performed in concert with and at the Battelle Northwest Laboratories.

differentiated. A hands-on, interactive computer system was used, which provided on-line evaluations of complex data sets, provided for the rapid input of calibration data, and for the addition of data during and after the analysis sequence. The digital tape data were read directly into the computer system, after converting the 7-track CCTs to 9-track tape. The computer system had a 128 K core memory, a 20 million word disk storage which allowed for the rapid manipulation of the data. A high-resolution graphic digitizer was used to input high-altitude color infrared imagery and cartographic data. In addition, the system had a light pen interactive scope, high-resolution storage scope and, for output devices, a multipen Calcomp plotter, a Gould electrostatic plotter/printer for producing gray level coded maps and plots, and a DICOMED high-resolution color film recorder. These peripherals allowed a wide range of user products to be reproduced rapidly.

Emphasis was placed on producing color land use maps with the DICOMED system, which was used to produce 80 by 80-mm color negative acetate film transparencies on a 4 by 5-in. film format. The transparency was produced with a 4096 by 4096 point resolution, using three color filters. Analysis was initially performed for 12 spectral classes which were eventually compressed to nine land use classes.

The rationale for producing the various outputs was derived for a variety of reasons. They were to:

- Provide the image analysts with the means to make qualitative and quantitative comparisons and correlations with standard cartographic data and with the data derived from the high-altitude aircraft data

- Provide information as to the limitations imposed by each product, when urban land use classifications were performed

- Provide visual proof if the use of the CCT's definitely resulted in more land use information, and to a greater detail than the image transparencies

- Help determine which type of product was more appealing to the land use planner when making decisions based on relatively complex information

- Help establish those land use classes which could be derived with confidence from LANDSAT data, and those which result in poor accuracy figures.

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## Comparison of Land Use Data Derived From LANDSAT and Aircraft Data

A comparison of land use data extracted from the high-altitude color infrared aircraft and the LANDSAT data was made. The intent was to determine to what extent/accuracy Level I and II land use classes could also be extracted from LANDSAT data. For detailed comparison one USGS quadrangle sheet (scale 1:24,000; area = 145 km$^2$) was analyzed.

Area data were calculated from the LANDSAT data by computer. Land use information derived from the aircraft imagery was delineated with a K&E 62000 Polar Planimeter, and acreages calculated.

### Results

In-depth analyses of high-altitude aircraft imagery, LANDSAT CCT data and imagery generated from the CCT's of the Columbus/Franklin County, Ohio, area yielded a number of interesting results.

High-altitude color infrared imagery, photoscale 1:120,000, with an estimated spatial resolution of 1-5 meter, was useful for delineating all Level I land use classes applicable to Ohio. It was also used to derive 17 out of 18 Level II land use classes. Larger scale aircraft imagery and ground truth data were required to separate some classes, especially where industrial and commercial features appeared side by side. This effort resulted in the preparation of four Mylar maps (scale 1:24,000) covering the total metropolitan area of Columbus, Ohio. The maps show Level I and II land use classes and will be scan-digitized by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for entry into the statewide land use inventory for demonstration purposes. (See Figure 16 for sample of map products generated.)

Computer-processed LANDSAT data were used for delineating all Level I land use classes applicable to Ohio. They were also used to derive eight Level II land use classes with varying degrees of accuracy. In addition, the following computer-generated outputs were prepared and utilized in this study:

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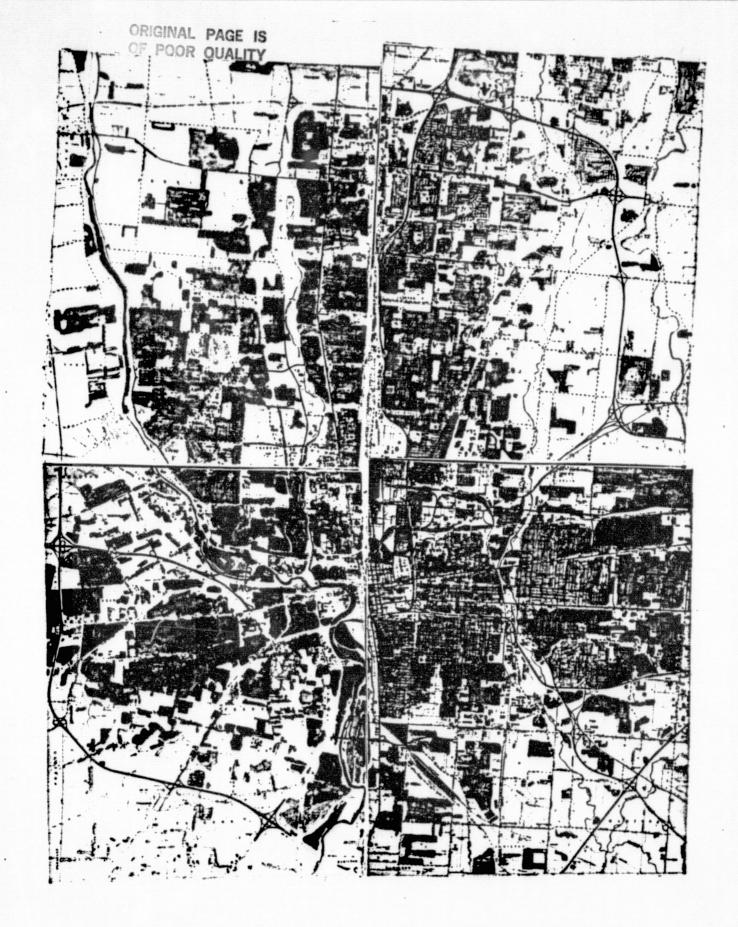
FIGURE 16.  COLOR-ENCODED LAND USE MAPS OF COLUMBUS, FRANKLIN COUNTY,
OHIO BASED ON CONVENTIONAL, PHOTOINTERPRETIVE ANALYSIS OF
AIRCRAFT DATA (MOSAIC OF FOUR USGS QUAD SHEETS, ORIGINAL
SCALE 1:24,000)

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(1)  Hardcopy printouts which show Franklin County and
     surrounding area as a color composite of the four
     LANDSAT MSS bands 4, 5, 6, and 7.  (0.5-0.6; 0.6-
     0.7; 0.7-0.8; and 0.8-1.1 μm, respectively).  The
     scene was recorded by LANDSAT 1 on April 12, 1973.
     LANDSAT 1 data were used since CCT data for LANDSAT 2
     were not available.  The color composite printout
     was scaled to 1:125,000 (Figure 17).

(2)  Hardcopy printouts of land use features appearing in the
     LANDSAT scene above, bounded by the Franklin County
     outline.  Nine Level I and II land use classes were shown
     in color.  The printout was scaled to 1:125,000
     (Figure 18).

(3)  Hardcopy printouts of area calculations for the
     Franklin County acreages covered by each land use
     class (Figure 19).

(4)  Hardcopy printouts of land use features appearing in the
     area of one USGS quadsheet (1:24,000) in the Northeast
     portion of Franklin County.  It was color encoded in the
     same land use classes as the land use printout of the
     entire county.  Again, the same nine classes were used
     (Figure 20).

(5)  Hardcopy printouts of area calculations for the county
     Northeast quatrant acreages covered by each land use
     class (Figure 21).

(6)  A gray tone map using only MSS Band 6, scaled to
     1:24,000, of Franklin County.

(7)  A symbol encoded map using only MSS Band 6, scaled to
     1:24,000, of Franklin County, showing 12 land use
     classes.

A comparison of high-altitude aircraft and LANDSAT data showed
that LANDSAT data are adequate for delineating land use areas
in rural areas and in the new growth sections of urbanized areas.  This
implies that, within a state like Ohio, land use classification by LANDSAT
data is feasible for 98.5 percent[*] of the state.  Within the urban areas,
especially those of the larger metropolitan areas such as Cincinnati,
Columbus, and Cleveland, use of high-altitude aircraft data by conventional
and/or computerized image analysis is essential.  The reason for this is
simply that rural and newly urbanized areas may be identified and delineated
primarily on the basis of spectral data content, i.e., on the basis of the
way they reflect sunlight in the visible and near infrared portions of the

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[*] Figures from Ohio 2000, Choices for Today:  Metropolitan Ohio, November 1974,
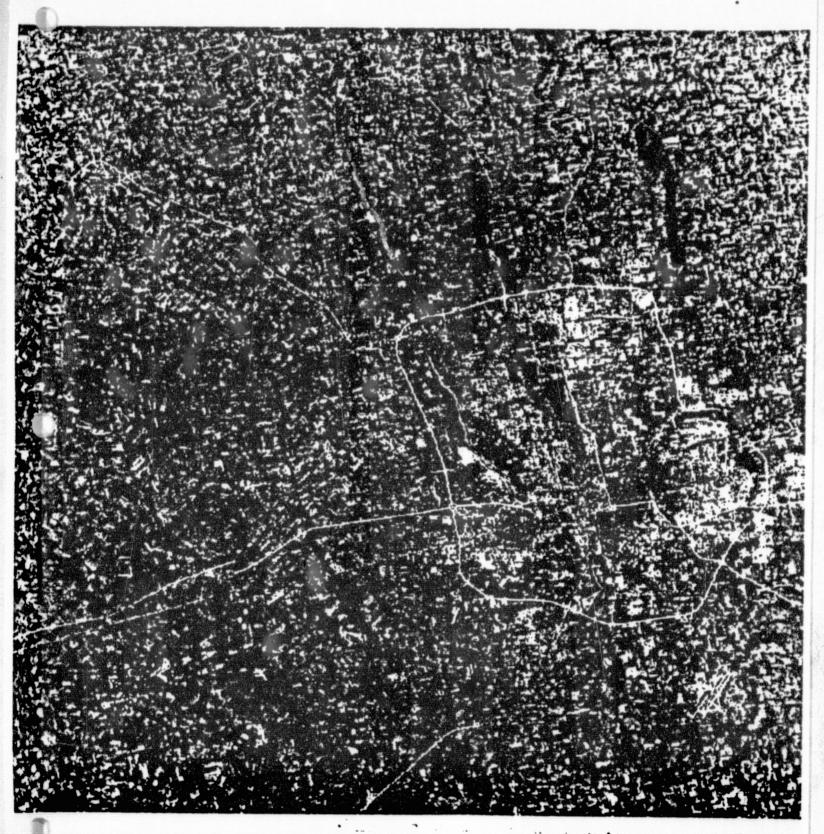   ODECD p. 69.

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FIGURE 17. COMPUTER GENERATED COLOR COMPOSITE (4 MSS LANDSAT BANDS) OF
COLUMBUS, OHIO AND SURROUNDING AREA. (DATA TAKEN BY LANDSAT 1
ON 4-12 1973)

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FIGURE 18. COMPUTER GENERATED, LAND USE MAP OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO (1359 SQ KM). DATA ARE ESPECIALLY WELL SUITED FOR DELINEATING NEWLY URBANIZED AREAS. ANALYSIS OF EARLY SPRING (APRIL 12) DATA, RESULTED IN POOR CLASSIFICATION OF OLDER, ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOODS.
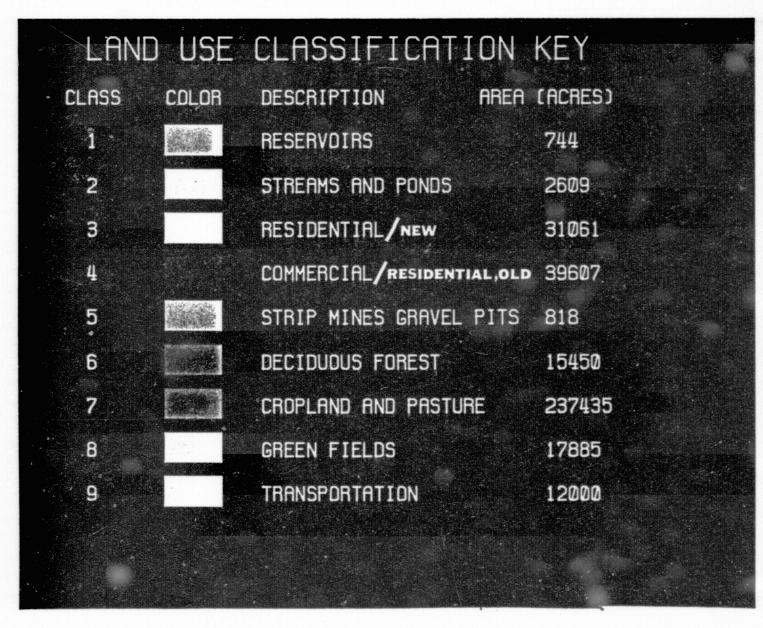
# LAND USE CLASSIFICATION KEY

| CLASS | COLOR | DESCRIPTION | AREA (ACRES) |
|-------|-------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 | | RESERVOIRS | 744 |
| 2 | | STREAMS AND PONDS | 2609 |
| 3 | | RESIDENTIAL/NEW | 31061 |
| 4 | | COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL,OLD | 39607 |
| 5 | | STRIP MINES GRAVEL PITS | 818 |
| 6 | | DECIDUOUS FOREST | 15450 |
| 7 | | CROPLAND AND PASTURE | 237435 |
| 8 | | GREEN FIELDS | 17885 |
| 9 | | TRANSPORTATION | 12000 |

FIGURE 19. COMPUTER LANDSAT LAND USE CLASSIFICATION KEY AND AREA STATISTICS
FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

FIGURE 20. COMPUTER GENERATED, COLOR ENCODED LANDSAT LAND USE MAP OF 1 USGS QUAD SHEET
(1:24,000 ORIGINAL SCALE) OF N.E. COLUMBUS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

LAND USE CLASSIFICATION KEY

| CLASS | COLOR | DESCRIPTION | AREA (ACRES) |
|-------|-------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 | | RESERVOIRS | 377 |
| 2 | | RESIDENTIAL/NEW | 5552 |
| 3 | | COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL, OLD | 7164 |
| 4 | | STRIP MINES GRAVEL PITS | 80 |
| 5 | | DECIDUOUS FOREST | 2542 |
| 6 | | CROPLAND AND PASTURE | 18151 |
| 7 | | GREEN FIELDS | 1344 |
| 8 | | TRANSPORTATION | 1230 |
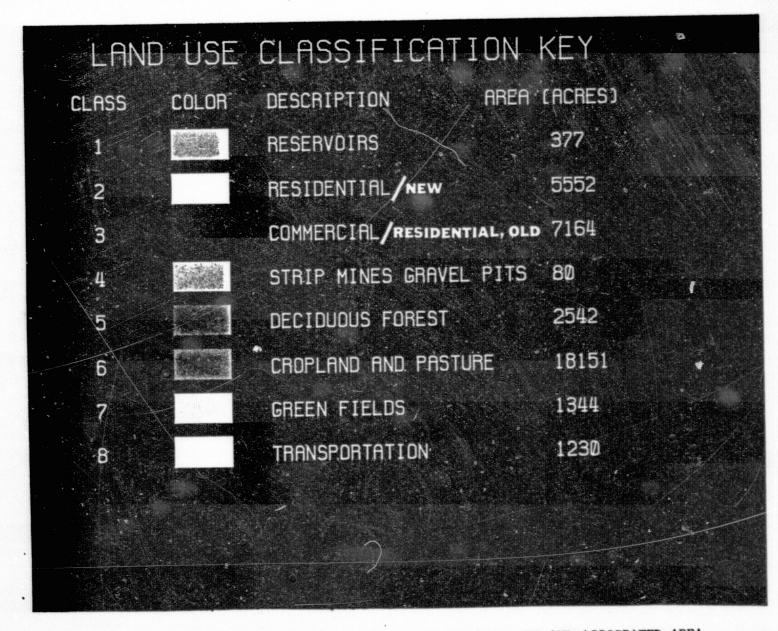
FIGURE 21. COMPUTER LANDSAT LAND USE CLASSIFICATION KEY AND ASSOCIATED AREA STATISTICS FOR N.E. COLUMBUS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO QUAD SHEET

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electromagnetic spectrum. Within an established portion of a city, however, spectral signatures of Level II land use features and seldom unique and must be identified on the basis of spectral reflectivity and size, alignment, geometry, height, etc., i.e., their spatial characteristics. Table 5 identifies those land use classes which are extractable from LANDSAT data along with those which require aircraft data use. Table 6 was compiled during a detailed analysis of the primarily urbanized areas of Franklin County, Ohio. LANDSAT, high altitude and medium altitude aircraft data were analyzed. The table shows to what extent Level I, II, and III land use information can be (a) mapped (delineated by area) and (b) identified from LANDSAT data. It also lists the MSS bands which provide the best land use detail, and whether little or detailed correlation with aircraft data is required to identify a particular land use feature.

By comparing area mensuration data derived for an area covered by one USGS quad sheet in northeast Franklin County, a measure of accuracy was provided. Table 6 compares acreages in four Level I land use categories as measured by the computer with LANDSAT data and by conventional planimetry using the high altitude aircraft imagery. Using the aircraft mensuration data as a standard, LANDSAT data deviated by no more than 6.7 percent in an area of 145 square kilometers.

## Conclusions and Recommendations

As a result of the very detailed land use analysis conducted of the Columbus/Franklin County, Ohio, area using satellite, aircraft and limited ground truth data, it was established that high-altitude infrared color photography is useful for analyzing urban land use to Level I and Level II detail and some Level III. One 240-mm-format image covers an area of 28 by 28 km, as compared with 2.8 by 2.8 km for the conventionally flown 1:12,000-scale imagery. The cost saving implications in terms of data collection and analysis time are obvious. It simply means that Franklin County, which requires more than 840 low-altitude photographs for total coverage, can be covered with six to eight high-altitude photographs. There is still certain land use information which requires larger scale aircraft data, such as evidenced in industrial and commercial areas. However, most

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# TABLE 5. OVERVIEW OF LANDSAT AND AIRCRAFT LAND USE DATA EVALUATION OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

| Land Use Code[a] | Land Use Class | Land Use Level | Can Be Mapped From LANDSAT[b] | Can Be Identified From LANDSAT[c] | Best MSS Band[d] (in order) | Requires High Altitude CIR[e] (minimum;maximum) | Accuracy[f] | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Urban and built-up | I | Yes | Yes | 5; composite | No | 95% | Can be confused with surface mining, therefore notation of geographic location is important during image analysis (minimum area 1-10 hectares). |
| 11 | Residential | II | Yes | Yes | 5; composite | Yes; minimum-maximum | | Best results in new areas, where new buildings, new concrete street surfaces, poor on recently established lawns, and sapling trees 3-5 meters high result in vivid, bright spectral signature. Older neighborhoods, because of surrounding established vegetation and trees 10-20 meters high, are often confused with parks, forestland and open space. Residential areas in core of city are virtually masked by surrounding dense street patterns, commercial, industrial and other structures. |
| 111 | New | III | Yes | Yes | 5; composite | Minimum | | |
| 112 | Old | III | Yes | No | 5; composite | Yes, maximum | | |
| 113 | Urban core | III | Yes | No | 5,7, composite | Yes, maximum | | |
| 12 | Commercial | II | Yes | No | 5; composite | Yes; maximum | | Large shopping centers of 5 hectares and more. |
| 13 | Industrial | II | Yes | No | 5; composite | Yes; stereo maximum | | Large plants of 10 hectares and more. |
| 14 | Transportation | II | Yes | Yes | 5,7; composite | No | | New major highways and airports are best seen in MSS Band #5. Older, 1st and 2nd order asphalted streets in urban area best seen in MSS Band #7. |
| 15 | Industrial & commercial complexes | II | Yes | No | 5; composite | Yes; maximum | | Requires areas of 5 hectares and more for delineation of features. |
| 16 | Mixed urban and built-up | II | Yes | Yes | 5; composite | No | | |

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TABLE 5. (continued)

| Land Use Code [a] | Land Use Class | Land Use Level | Can Be Mapped From LANDSAT [b] | Can Be Identified From LANDSAT [c] | Best MSS Band [d] (in order) | Requires High Altitude CIR [e] (minimum;maximum) | Accuracy [f] | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17 | Other urban Built-up land | II | Yes | Yes - no | 5; composite | Yes; minimum-maximum | | |
| 171 | Areas undergoing active construction | III | Yes | Yes | 5; composite | No | | Very vivid spectral signature. Describes areas in process of building up. Areas as small as 1/2 hectare have been identified. |
| 172 | Areas of new urban growth | III | Yes | Yes | 5; composite | No | | Describes areas which were built up in the last 10-15 years. Vivid spectral signature. |
| 173 | Public and private recreation | III | Yes | No | 5,7; composite | Yes, minimum | | Describes golf courses, parks. Golf courses are rarely confused with other land use features, but parks can be confused with forestland and open land. |
| 174 | Institutional | III | No | No | 5; composite | Yes, maximum | | Universities, schools, churches |
| 2 | Agriculture | I | Yes | Yes | 5,7; composite | No | 92% | Readily identifiable land use feature. Best identification during growing season. |
| 21 | Crop land and pasture | II | Yes | Yes | 5,7; composite | No | | Identifiable by "checkerboard" pattern during plowing season. Requires fields of 5 hectares minimum for mapping. |
| 22 | Orchards, groves, etc. | II | No | No | None | No | | Spectral resolution insufficient in LANDSAT and high-altitude A/C imagery. Requires 1:40,000-scale imagery and larger. |
| 24 | Other agricultural land | II | Yes | Yes | 5; composite | No | | Plowed fields provide vivid spectral signature. |
| 4 | Forest | I | Yes | Yes | 5; composite | No | 93% | Identifiable in all seasons. |
| 41 | Deciduous forest | II | Yes | Yes | 5; composite | No | | Identifiable during growing seasons. |
| 42 | Evergreen forest | II | Yes | Yes | 5; composite | No | | Identifiable during all seasons and especially during winter months. |
| 43 | Mixed forest | II | Yes | No | -- | Yes; maximum | | Ability to identify mixed deciduous and evergreen forest requires high-altitude aircraft imagery, unless forest contains pure stands of 5 hectares minimum of either forest type. |

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TABLE 5. (Continued)

| Land Use Code[a] | Land Use Class | Land Use Level | Can Be Mapped From LANDSAT[b] | Can Be Identified From LANDSAT[c] | Best MSS Band[d] (in order) | Requires High Altitude CIR[e] (minimum;maximum) | Accuracy[f] | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | Water | I | Yes | Yes | 7,6; composite | No | 90% | Identifiable in all seasons. |
| 5.1 | Streams and canals | II | Yes | Yes | 7,6; composite | No | | Identification of water signature is a function of stream or canal width. Streams which are less than 10 meters in width may be identified in MSS Band 7 or by tree lines on banks of stream in MSS Band 5. |
| 5.2 | Lakes | II | Yes | Yes | 7,6; composite | No | | Lakes as small as 1 hectare have been identified. |
| 5.3 | Reservoirs | II | Yes | Yes | 7,6; composite | No | | |
| 7 | Barren land | I | Yes | Yes | 5,7; composite | No | | |
| 75 | Strip mines, quarries | II | Yes | Yes | 5,7; composite | Yes; minimum | | Differentiation among types of surface mines requires high-altitude aircraft. |
| 77 | Mixed barren land | II | Yes | Yes | 5,7: composite | No | | |

(a) New land use and land cover classification system for use with remote sensor data developed by the U.S. Geological Survey (Circular 964, 1976). Supersedes Circular 671.

(b) Boundary of land use feature can be delineated by spectral or spectral and spatial characteristics, providing the feature occupies a specified minimum area.

(c) Land use feature can be positively identified (90% and better) from LANDSAT data.

(d) Land use feature may be observed in all four MSS bands, but these recorded the feature best (in order). Composites are compiled by combining two or more MSS bands, such as 5 and 7; 4, 5, and 7; and 4, 5, 6, and 7.

(e) Indictes whether land use feature requires use of aircraft data in addition to LANDSAT data for accurate delineation and/or identification.

(f) Accuracy determined in this study by comparing computer-processed LANDSAT data with high-altitude aerial color infrared imagery analysis.

**TABLE 6.  LAND USE AREA MENSURATION DATA CALCULATED FROM LANDSAT AND HIGH-ALTITUDE AIRCRAFT DATA**

(LANDSAT Data Was Derived by Computer; Aircraft Data Was Obtained by Planimetry.
Data Covers the USGS 1:24,000 Quadsheet of N.E. Columbus, Ohio)

| Land Use Classification | Level | Area Calculated From LANDSAT (Acres) | Area Calculated From A/C (Acres) | Difference (Acres) | % Difference |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Urban & Build-up Land | I | 12,716 | 12,137 | +579 | 4.8 |
| Agriculture and Op ⌐ Land | I | 19,495 | 21,127 | +1,632 | 7.7 |
| Forest | I | 2,542 | 2,720 | -178 | 6.5 |
| Water | I | 377 | 342 | +35 | 9.8 |

weighted average = 6.7%

land use maps generated for Franklin County during the past 20 years could readily have been accomplished using high-altitude aerial data.

LANDSAT data are also suitable for land use analysis - provided analyses and interpretation are limited for Level I and selected Level II categories. This permits general land use classification of the bulk of rural and urban areas within the state at scales no larger than 1:250,000. Within complex urbanized areas, where land use planners require primarily Level II detail, LANDSAT data must be used on a more limited basis. For example areas which have experienced recent built-up or growth, as well as those undergoing construction, can be readily and accurately delineated on LANDSAT data. LANDSAT data are, therefore, ideally suited for updating older maps and for monitoring urban growth rates and directional trends. However, older, established urban areas require the kind of detail typically found in the high-altitude aircraft imagery.

Based on the above conclusions, it is recommended that a hand-in-glove analysis scheme be developed for simultaneously performing land use analysis using LANDSAT and high-altitude aircraft data. The LANDSAT data would be used primarily for providing general land use information in all rural and in newly urbanized and developing areas. High-altitude aircraft data would then be used to perform more detailed classification required primarily in the complex urban core, where spatial and spectral LANDSAT data will not suffice. Such a scheme is outlined in Figure 22. It should be noted that the scheme calls for the digitization of high-altitude aircraft data. Usually, digitization is a costly and sometimes time-consuming item. However, it is believed that the relatively few high altitude aircraft photographs required to cover an entire city, and the ability to handle the aircraft data in a common format with the LANDSAT data, justifies the added cost. Moreover, the time and cost required to perform manual data transfer by conventional methods make a computer analysis, with strong image analysis interaction, optimum.

A popular opinion of land use planners is that the spatial resolution of LANDSAT data should be greatly improved. Some suggest as much as one magnitude improvement to achieve a 1 to 10-meter resolution before operational use is practical. However, the findings of this task suggest

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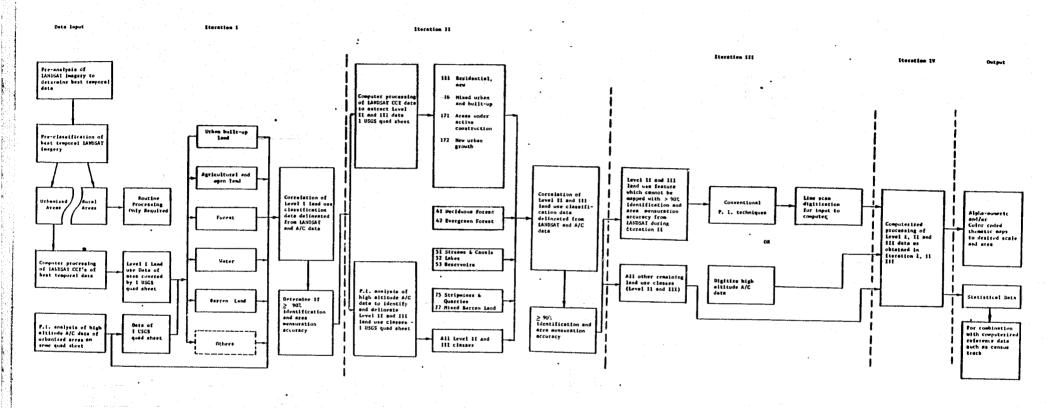
FIGURE 22. A SUGGESTED SCHEME FOR EXTRACTING URBAN LAND USE
CLASSIFICATION DATA FROM LANDSAT AND A/C DATA

that the capacity to use LANDSAT data lies in the skillful use of the data
as it is (or with planned improvements to 30 meters) but that it
always be used in conjunction with high-altitude aircraft data.

## Use/User Implications

The results of this study suggest that the current computerized
statewide LANDSAT land use inventory of Ohio can be effectively and confi-
dently utilized in non-urban areas and for selected land use planning
interests (such as new growth) in the larger urbanized areas.

By incorporating detailed (Level II) land use features extractable
only from aircraft data, as demonstrated for the Columbus/Franklin County
area, operational use of the computerized inventory can be extended to all
land use planning needs, including those in complex urbanized areas.

LANDSAT data user products in the land use area should emphasize
the preparation of color-coded land use outputs which resemble thematic maps,
rather than the black and white alphanumeric computer printouts, which are
difficult to use.

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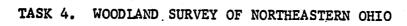
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TASK 4.  WOODLAND SURVEY OF NORTHEASTERN OHIO

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## Background

Experiments conducted under the initial State of Ohio LANDSAT program (1972-1974) showed that it is feasible to conduct total forestland surveys in the State of Ohio. Analysis of LANDSAT imagery revealed that woodland areas of 5 hectares minimum size appear with a detail exceeding that typically found in 1:250,000-scale topographic mapsheets, and very closely approaching that of 1:24,000-scale maps. It was also concluded that "pure" stands of pines and hardwoods of at least 5 hectares stand size could be readily distinguished in color composite imagery.

Because of the interest expressed by the Ohio Crossroads Resource Conservation and Development (CRC&D) organization in using remote sensing to assist in the development of the timber industry in Northeastern Ohio, a follow-on investigation using Skylab S-190 A and B imagery was undertaken to determine the extent to which such critical parameters as stand size, maturity, and tree types could be identified. As the result of this effort, forest inventory maps of Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbiana Counties, Ohio, were prepared at map scales of 1:63,360 (1 inch = 1 mile). Forested areas as small as 2-5 hectares were delineated. The inventory determined that actual woodland areas were from 2 to 9 percent larger within the counties than had been reported in earlier surveys conducted in 1970. A second-level analysis determined that the following stages of forest growth could also be identified:

> Mature timber
> Intermediate and pole timber
> Seedlings and saplings
> Brushland
> Cut/clear areas.

It also established that the following types of forest stands in these areas could be differentiated:

> Softwood
> Hardwood
> Mixed
> Cut
> Brushland.

However, end-user personnel (CRC&D) emphasized their requirement for specific differentiation of tree types and woodland composition before their decision-making needs could be met. Since such information could not be satisfactorily derived from Skylab imagery, it was planned to determine the feasibility of using high-altitude aircraft imagery obtained during the LANDSAT follow-on program, with an improved spatial resolution of better than one magnitude over the Skylab imagery, to provide the necessary detail. There was an additional task interest: An in-depth study of LANDSAT (digital) data to determine whether such repetitive data were suitable for Ohio forest inventories beyond a total woodland survey has not been made. Therefore, a preliminary evaluation of the potential value of this type data was also considered important to future local use considerations.

## Objectives and Scope

The principal objective of this task was to determine whether high-altitude aircraft color infrared imagery is suitable for identifying user-required detailed Ohio forest-land parameters. A second objective was to determine whether such data could be effectively integrated with forest land data derived from LANDSAT imagery and/or digital data to support development of computerized systems.

Initially, the intent was to perform analysis of Trumbull County, Ohio, an area of 159,170 hectares; 34 percent of this area, or 54,118 hectares, is covered by forest land. A NASA overflight requested to provide coverage for the entire area during May/June 1976 resulted in approximately 50 percent coverage of the county, with scattered cumulus clouds obstructing at least 75 percent of the terrain. As a result, sample areas were analyzed in Trumbull, Mahoning, and Franklin Counties.

The following data were used in this analysis:

- High-altitude aerial color infrared positive transparencies taken over portions of Northeast Ohio and Central Ohio on August 12, 1975

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- LANDSAT imagery taken over Ohio between August 21, 1972, and September 16, 1976.

- LANDSAT CCT data obtained over Central Ohio on April 4, 1973, and a computer-generated color encoded printout of the four super-imposed MSS Bands 4, 5, 6, and 7.

- Aircraft underflight imagery obtained over Franklin County in August 1973 and January 1974 (color and color IR).

- Low level (1000-1500 ft) aircraft, oblique and vertical color and color infrared, 70-mm-format positive transparencies of selected tree stands in Trumbull, Mahoning, and Franklin Counties. This imagery was taken in August, September, and October of 1974 and June 1975.

- Ground truth data and close-up color 35-mm-format photography of selected areas in Trumbull and Franklin Counties.

## Methodology

Data analysis was accomplished in the following sequence:

- Selection of suitable forest sample areas
- Collection of ground truth data
- Identification of measurable forest parameters
- Analysis and correlation of data.

## Selection of Sample Sites

The criterion for selecting sample sites was primarily based on the availability of high-altitude aircraft and other photographic and reference data required for correlative data analysis. Emphasis was also placed on selecting sites which would be representative of the more dominant tree types in Ohio such as oak and maple.

On this basis, maple forest sites were selected in Trumbull County on the West side of Mosquito Reservoir, in Mahoning County on the banks of Meander Creek Reservoir and in Franklin County in the vicinity of Hoover Reservoir. The sample sites contain representative hard and soft wood types.

## Collection of Ground Truth Data

Data were collected on site in Trumbull and Franklin Counties. About 180, 35-mm color photographs were taken to document tree types, tree height, trunk diameter and, in general, prevailing groundcover conditions. These slides were used by the image analyst while interpreting the high-altitude aircraft data.

A data base collected in Franklin and Delaware Counties in 1974 was also utilized.

## Identification of Measurable Forest Parameters

Parameters which are used by photointerpreters in subjective and objective forms for describing forested areas are well established. Crown diameter, crown closure, tree height, etc., are some of the quantitative ways photointerpreters measure or derive information regarding wooded areas. Descriptors of dominant colors or tones, on the other hand, are among the more qualitative ways to evaluate or identify forests. These qualitative and quantitative parameters can be readily used by the image analyst in large or medium scale imagery, in which the spatial and spectral resolution permit a clear distinction of individual tree features, i.e., where individual tree crowns are recognizable, and in which tree height may be measured with accuracies of less than a meter.

When high-altitude aerial or satellite photography is being interpreted, individual forest parameters form indistinguishable blends of color, tone and texture; thus, different analysis procedures are required. In areas of "pure" hardwood or softwood stands, identification and evaluation of forested areas by remote sensing has been found to be relatively successful. In Ohio, most forested areas are composed of mixed stands of hardwood, such as oak and hickory or oak and maple, and in some areas pines have been planted in hardwood stands. Thus, the challenge was to identify measurable image characteristics which could be used to derive actual forest conditions. These characteristics had to be of a nature that could be related to automated techniques, since current conventional forest monitoring techniques are relatively costly and time consuming. The following common yardsticks were

therefore used for evaluating high-altitude aerial and satellite data, and for correlating multilevel/multiscale and multidate imagery:

- **Spectral Characteristics of Forest Features**. Spectral characteristics include the color (in a color photograph) or the tone (in a black and white photograph), as recorded in the photographic image or on digital tapes. On the ground, these characteristics are determined with a spectral radiometer which measures the intensity with which sunlight in the visible and near-infrared portion of the electromagnetic spectrum is reflected by the foliage and tree structure. In this task, spectral evaluations were made to determine whether pertinent forest characteristics can be obtained based on density differences in the photographic image. If such evaluations were successful, then machine processing of forest stands using high-altitude and satellite data would be feasible.

- **Spatial Characteristics of Forested Features**. Spatial characteristics include the pattern, distribution, shape, etc., by which certain forest features may be derived. Increasingly smaller scales result in a decrease of pertinent spatial parameters usually required to identify information about trees and woodlands. While it is not possible to recognize or measure crown closure or crown diameters in 80-meter-resolution LANDSAT imagery, it was thought that the image characteristics left by many trees in a forest could yield a composite of information from which crown closure could be derived. It was also anticipated that the high-altitude aerial imagery, having a spatial resolution of 1-3 meters, could be used to make some direct measurements such as tree height and canopy diameter.

- **Temporal Information**. Imagery obtained at different seasons was known to reveal information about forest features which could not be obtained on the basis of spectral and spatial information alone.

## Analysis and Correlation of Data

Both conventional photointerpretation and density slicing analysis techniques were used in this task.

Photointerpretation, Including Stereo Analysis. The intent was to extract through visual observations, magnification, additive color viewing, and stereo analysis as many spatial and spectral parameters as possible for interpreting tree types, stand composition, stand height stress, etc. A Richards Multiple Interpretation Module was used, which features

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magnification for monocular viewing up to 60X and for stereo viewing up to 30X; a Leitz Orthoplan microscope was also initially used. The Orthoplan featured magnification up to 1000X with an extremely flat field of view, and a built-in 35-mm-format camera for recording the image as viewed by the analyst. The use of high-quality equipment was stressed during the photoanalysis; because the analysis of the satellite data involved photographs covering 28,224 $km^2$, which appeared concentrated in image areas as small as either 55 x 55 mm or 240 x 240 mm. Thus, an area of 1 km on the ground was represented by an image area of only 0.3 or 1.5 mm in diameter, respectively.

A Wild parallax bar was used for measuring tree height in the high-altitude CIR imagery. Use of this relatively simple equipment resulted in less sensitive height evaluations than is possible using a standard Class I or II photogrammetric mensuration device such as a stereo comparator. A Spectral Data Color Additive Viewer was also used in this task to determine whether the addition or subtraction of color and neutral density filters is helpful for enhancing pertinent forest parameters.

Density Slicing Techniques. A Spatial Data Color Video System 703-32 was used to magnify high-altitude aerial and LANDSAT imagery up to 80X and to density slice selected image areas. The intent was to determine whether areas with hardwood and softwood stands could be distinguished on the basis of the spectral image content. Photographic filters were also used in this process. The device measures density with the accuracy of a microdensitometer. Unlike the microdensitometer, which measures only small spot sizes (typically 1-3 mm), this device measures the entire image at once. An x-y comparator movement permits very precise positioning of the appropriate forest feature. The feature is then displayed as a black and white image on a TV monitor. Using the control console of the system, the operator can select up to 32 density levels for display on the video monitor encoded in color. The overall intent of this portion of the experiment was to determine to what extent density slicing techniques could be used to automatically classify forest features. It was also used to determine if such a technique would result in the identification of parameters not observable by conventional photointerpretation.

## Results

A detailed analysis of the high-altitude aerial color infrared imagery and the subsequent correlation with ground truth and LANDSAT data yielded a number of interesting results. Conventional photointerpretive techniques showed spectral and textural (spatial) differences which resulted in the identification of forest areas containing predominantly mixed stands of oak and maple, and pure stands of various pine types. Oak stands and maple stands were characterized primarily by spectral (color) differences, which were confirmed in the low-level aerial and ground photography.

Stereo analysis of the high-altitude data made tree height measurement possible, if the tree was at least 5 meters high. The ability to measure tree height accurately to within ± 2 meters with relatively unsophisticated stereo equipment was demonstrated.

The crown diameters of individual free-standing trees or rows of trees were measurable with an accuracy of 1/4 tree crown diameter. Crown diameters of hardwood trees may be measured, in mixed stands, where spectral differences contrast one type of hardwood tree with another. The crown shapes of maples, for example, were recognizable when surrounded by oaks by magnifying the imagery up to 100 times. At this magnification, a 6-meter crown appears as a circular area of 5-mm diameter in the microscope's objective lens. If a hardwood stand consists entirely of one type of tree, then crown shapes are not distinguishable.

Woodland areas covered primarily by brush and saplings were distinguishable by color, tone, and lack of measurable vegetation height. Cut areas were identified primarily by color and tone, and by their location within or adjacent to woodlands. Hardwood areas undergoing stress, i.e., showing signs of decreasing plant vigor during the normal growing season, could be identified. Such areas appeared greyish in color infrared photography. Areas covered by two or three dead or dying trees could be located in the high-altitude aerial imagery when the imagery was magnified from 60X to 80X, and a high-intensity light source was used to detect subtle differences in color and tone between healthy and stressed trees. It was not determined, however, whether the trees undergoing stress were
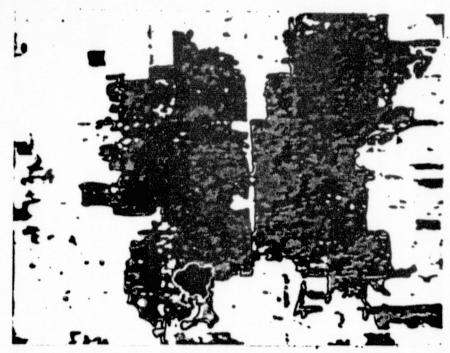
afflicted by grapevine infestation, since the areas affected were located in woodlands which were not readily accessible.

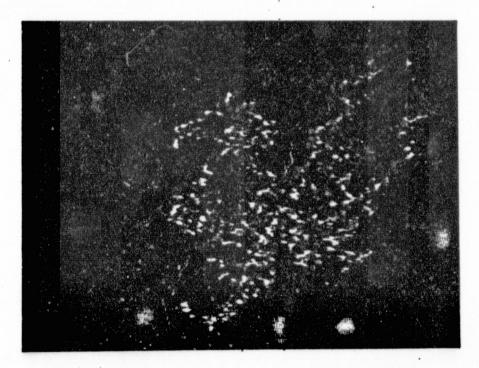Density slicing of high-altitude aerial color infrared film transparencies resulted in a successful separation by film density of areas covered by hardwoods and softwoods. This would seem to indicate that machine processing on the basis of spectral image content is feasible. Density slicing of the CIR transparencies required the use of a Kodak Type 25 (red) filter for maximum separation of the tree stand types.

Density slicing of LANDSAT imagery, MSS Band 5 (0.6-0.7 $\mu$m), covering the same sample woodland areas analyzed in the high-altitude aerial CIR imagery, showed spectral or tone differences similar to those observed in the CIR imagery. This finding suggests that oak and maple hardwood and pine softwood stand mapping may be feasible, provided that analysis is made in conjunction with high-altitude CIR data (see Figure 23). However, it should be noted that machine processing of CIR imagery through density slicing on television-type analysis systems or through initially digitizing the imagery requires that corrections be made to eliminate the vignetting effect noticeable in all the high-altitude imagery.

Computer-generated color composites of all four LANDSAT MSS bands using CCT data collected prior to the growing season in Ohio showed strong tonal differences in woodland areas which appear to indicate differences in tree species and stand condition, (Figure 24). The large arrows in Figures 24 and 25 show a woodland area covered by a dense stand of silver maple and shag bark hickory trees, which were estimated to be 50 to 60 feet in height, as observed from ground level. The area appeared primitive and unmanaged, with dead branches litering the ground and thousands of 2 to 6-inch saplings crowding those areas not covered by the mature trees. The small arrows show a woodland area, consisting primarily of oak, some maple and other hardwood trees, which appears very well managed, with little debris covering the ground. A comparison of winter photography (scale 1:40,000) of the two forest stands revealed that the tree canopies without leaves appeared so dense in the former stand that individual tree trunks could not be observed. In the latter stand, individual tree trunks of the oaks could be seen in those areas away from the principal point of the photographic image. This finding suggests that LANDSAT winter and early spring photography may be suitable

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a. HIGH-ALTITUDE AIRCRAFT COLOR IR (AUGUST 12, 1975)



b. LANDSAT (BAND 5, AUGUST 21, 1972)

FIGURE 23. COMPARISON OF LANDSAT AND HIGH-ALTITUDE AIRCRAFT IMAGERY SHOWING SPECTRAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MAPLE AND OAK STANDS. (GREEN REPRESENTS PREDOMINANTLY MAPLE TREES; RED IS PREDOMINANTLY OAK TREES.)
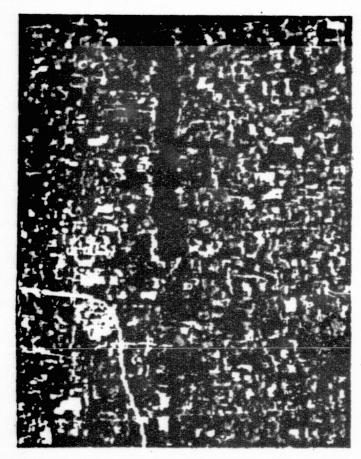
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FIGURE 24. COMPUTER GENERATED LANDSAT COLOR COMPOSITE (4 MSS BANDS) FOR APRIL 14, 1973 SHOWING STRONG TONAL DIFFERENCES IN SAMPLE WOODLAND AREAS IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO.



FIGURE 25. HIGH ALTITUDE AIRCRAFT CIR IMAGERY OF AUGUST 12, 1975) SHOWING THE SAME GENERAL AREA IN THE LANDSAT PHOTO. (NOTE THAT DESPITE THE SUPERIOR SPATIAL RESOLUTION, THE TONAL DIFFERENCES SHOWN IN THE LANDSAT IMAGERY ARE NOT VISABLE IN THE AERIAL IMAGERY.

for identifying forest parameters with regard to composition, maturity and condition not observable in imagery obtained during the normal growing season. It also emphasizes the need to explore and exploit the temporal aspects of LANDSAT data.

## Conclusions and Recommendations

Analysis of high-altitude aircraft infrared color photography has shown that an inventory of Ohio woodland by stand composition, maturity, and condition is feasible. Analysis may be performed by conventional photointerpretation techniques to establish detailed forest parameters such as tree height, species composition, crown diameter and, by calculation, tree trunk diameter. Such detailed analysis always requires close correlation with information collected on the ground in preselected areas.

Machine processing, such as density slicing techniques, may then be used for delineating forest areas with common spectral characteristics. These spectral characteristics reflect actual differences in forest conditions, such as those caused by differences in forest composition. Since density slicing of photographic transparencies has shown that different forest compositions and certain stages of maturity can be delineated, it can be safely assumed that digitization and subsequent computer analysis of the photographic image is also feasible.

Analysis of LANDSAT data in conjunction with aircraft data showed the following results: forested areas on aircraft imagery which were density sliced, and which showed density anomalies due to tree stand composition, showed very similar density anomalies in LANDSAT imagery. Other density measurements on aircraft imagery which reflected forest land conditions also could be delineated in LANDSAT imagery. This suggests that despite the complexity of Ohio's mixed forest stands, an analysis of LANDSAT data using conventional photointerpretation techniques to establish detail, and computerized techniques to map large county-sized areas, is feasible. The detailed analysis would have to be based on high-altitude aircraft imagery and extensive ground truth in preselected areas. Analysis of the aircraft imagery would be performed through conventional photointerpretive methods; transfer of the analyzed data could then be

accomplished by digitization of the imagery and integration with the LANDSAT data.

Much emphasis should be placed on the analysis of temporal data as recorded in sequential LANDSAT and aircraft data. Careful examination of such temporal data has shown that the data provided information about stand conditions and maturity which cannot be obtained in any other way.

## Use/User Implications

The analysis of LANDSAT and Skylab data had previously shown that total inventories of forest lands in Ohio are feasible. Such inventories have resulted in improved acreage data than previously accomplished using conventional regression techniques. It has been observed, however, that inventories are frequently attempted which are far too ambitious in terms of the inherent technical limitations of the satelite data and too limited in the amount of effort users are willing to commit to such inventories. Until the launching of LANDSAT I in July 1972, woodland inventories were typically accomplished with 1:24,000-scale aerial panchromatic imagery and/ or ground surveys. The availability of satellite data which record woodland areas in 185 x 185-km scenes has led many users to believe that the same techniques used in the interpretation of a photograph covering 5.5 x 5.5 km can also be readily applied in the interpretation of the satellite data. However, it is simply not possible to apply the same interpretation techniques to some 1100 aerial photographs each covering approximately 30 $km^2$ which are required to cover the same area as a single satellite photograph covering more than 34,000 $km^2$. Image parameters such as spectral and spatial characteristics cannot often be related on a 1:1 basis, and frequently vary widely within one given scene. Thus, the tendency to overgeneralize to achieve a quick and inexpensive analysis has resulted in inaccurate and discouraging data which forest planners and managers simply cannot use.

This task has confirmed that a comprehensive woodland inventory of Ohio forest land to establish and monitor total stands, predominant stand composition and maturity in county-sized areas at scales no smaller than 1:63,360 is feasible using LANDSAT temporal data, aircraft and ground truth data of selected areas.

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